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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re:

MUR 6054

The Honorable Vern Buchanan, Vern Buchanan for Congress and Joseph Gruters, as Treasurer OFFICE OF GENERAL

RECEIVED FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Werth:

Please find attached the joint reply brief of Congressman Vern Buchanan, Vern Buchanan for Congress, and Joseph Gruters, as Treasurer, to Office of General Counsel's ("OGC") brief recommending that the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") find probable cause in the above-referenced matter.

Initially, after we received the OGC's brief we requested complete and true copies of each document and deposition transcript cited in the brief. We also requested documents that are alluded to in the OGC's arguments, but not formally cited in the brief. In some instances, the OGC denied our request for access to these documents. In our view, OGC should have granted us access to each descument, including interview notes, nited or filluded to in the brief. Given the breathful of exculpatory evidence OGC failed to include in its brief, OGC's failous to provide us with fail access to all the facts at this stage of the proceedings is transling, to may the least.

In addition, the OGC informed us in response to our requests for documents that a few citations in the brief are mistakes, and that the final brief will contain the correct citations. If any of the arguments, allegations, or evidence cited in the final brief that is submitted to the Commission change in any manner, we must be given an opportunity to review such changes and submit a supplemental brief in response. The Federal Election Campaign Act and Commission regulations specifically provide that the OGC must provide a respondent with the brief containing the factual allegations and legal arguments supporting he probable cause recommendation. Failure to provide us with the opportunity to review and respond to any additional arguments, allegations and evidence not contained in the brief we received from the

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OGC on October 21, 2010 would raise serious procedural and substantive due process concerns. A copy of the OGC's brief is attached for your convenience and review.

Finally, by this letter we are requesting an oral hearing before the Commission to discuss and respond to the serious allegations contained in the OGC's brief. Congressman Buchanan and his campaign should be entitled to present their case directly to the Commission. In addition, we intend to discuss the arguments commissed in the OGC's brief and the exculpatory evidence in this matter. Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether our request has been granted.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Singerely,

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Vernon G. Bushanan	MUR 6054
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<u>JOINT RESPONSE OF VERNON G. BUCHANAN, VERN BUCHANAN FOR</u> <u>CONGRESS, AND JOSEPH R. GRUTERS,</u> IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS TREASURER

INTRODUCTION

The General Counsel's Brief in this matter is a marvel of one-sided advocacy. After OGC has invested two years and countless resources into this investigation, the OGC brief raises the issue of whether OGC can fairly analyze the actual evidence in this case. The answer is a resounding "No." In its zeal to target Vernon G. Buchanan, Vern Buchanan for Congress ("VBFC") and Joseph R. Gruters, VBFC Treasurer (collectively, "Respondents"), OGC relies exclusively on the testimony of one unreliable witness and his relative, conveniently omits crucial exculpatory information that contradicts OGC's ultimate conclusion, and contorts commonplace, lawful fundraising practices into evidence of wrongdoing. These three fatal flaves prevent OGC from meeting its nequired legal burden. Put simply, Respondents did net violate federal law or Federal Election Commission regulations.

No amount of overstatement, distortion, or speculation by OGC can transform what occurred in this case into a violation of federal election laws. It is time for OGC to accept the results of its factfinding, rightly conclude from the facts that no laws have been broken, and end its investigation. Accordingly, Respondents respectfully request that the Commission dismiss this matter and decline to find probable cause.

ARGUMENT

I. OGC CANNOT MEET ITS STATUTORY BURDEN AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD THUS NDT FIND BROBANLE CAUSE.

Review of this matter must begin with the applicable standard, which OGC scarcely addresses in its Brief. 2 U.S.C. § 441f provides:

No person shall make a contribution in the name of another person or knowingly permit his name to be used to effect such a contribution, and no person shall knowingly accept a contribution made by one person in the name of another person.

(emphasis added). Likewise, 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) provides:

No candidate or political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution or make any expenditure in violation of the provisions of this section. No officer or employee of a political committee shall knowingly accept a contribution made for the banefit or use of a candidate, or knowingly make any expenditure on hehalf of a candidate, in violation of any limitation imposed on contributions and expenditures under this section.

(emphasis added). To act "knowingly" means to act intentionally, deliberately, and voluntarily, rather than mistakenly or inadvertently. S.E.C. v. Johnson, 565 F. Supp. 2d 82, 87 n.5 (D.D.C. 2008): In circumstances such as these, a respondent "knowingly and willfully" violates the law only if "acts were nonmitted with a knowingly of all the relevant facts and a recognition that the action is prohibited by law[.]" H.R. Rep. 94-917 at 3-4 (March 17, 1976) (emphasis added). Here, despite the improper conduct of key OGC witness Sam Kazran, Respondents did ant engage in "knowing" or "willful" acceptance of reimbursed or excessive contributions. As such, the Commission should dismiss this case and decline to find probable cause.

II. OGC'S CASE RISES AND FALLS WITH SAM KAZRAN, BUT HIS TESTIMONY IS NOT CREDIBLE AND HIS MOTIVES ARE TRANSPARENT.

OGC's case rests heavily upon the credibility of Congressman Buchanan's former business partner, Sam Kazran, who admitted that he reimbursed employee campaign contributions with partnership funds. OGC's blind reliance on Kazran is misguided for three reasons: first, Kazran has significant motive to fabricate testimony, which OGC has apparently not considered; second, Kazran is not a reliable witness; and third, Kazran's testimony is directly refuted by the testimony of other witnesses and other undisputed evidence, which OGC did net include in its Brief. Indeed, even Kazran, OGC's atar witness, appears to dispute the varacity of OGC's allegations. In an October 18, 2010 letter, Kazran noted that he "strongly disagee[s] with some of the allegations made" by OGC. See Exhibit 1.

A. Kazran Has Significant Motive to Fabricate Testimony.

Kazran is currently in dire legal and financial straits as a result of recent litigation,¹ bankruptcies,² and OGC's investigation. His motivation to fabricate testimony in this matter, which should be clear to OGC, is omitted from the Brief. For example:

1. Kazran has admitted to violations of 2 U.S.C. § 441f.

As OGC is aware, Kazran has openly admitted to violating 2 U.S.C. § 441f:

I asked several key comployees that I had trusted, had been with us for a long time, to write the check. They all told me that they don't have money, but I said, Go ahead and reimburse yourself. So that's what we did. They wrote a personal check, but at the same time -- in fact, before they -- the personal check went out, we issued a check from the company to them.

¹ See 1099 Mymt. Co. v. Kazran, No. 09-CA-18162 (Fla. Cir. Ct., filed July 14, 2009); Kazran v. Buchanan, No. 2008 CA 15448 NC (Fla. Cir. Ct. filed Sept. 25, 2008); 1099 Mymt. Co. v. Guinnett, L.L.C., No. 16-2008-CA-11480 (Fla. Cir. Ct., filed Sept. 4, 2008).

² See In re Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, L.L.C., No: 08-07432 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. filed Nov. 11, 2008); In re Premier Automotive on Atlantic, L.L.C., No. 08-6655 (Bankr. M.D. Fla., filed Oct. 28, 2008); In re 11-2001 L.L.C., No. 08-6654 (Bankr. M.D. Fla., filed Oct. 28, 2008).

Kazran Dep. at 14. Kazran also implies that at least some of his violations were knowing and willful:

After that day, I got it. I knew that we're not supposed to be discussing this, that that's—there's—you have to know, I'm ignorant about this stuff up to that point. I've never contributed to any campaign. I don't know what the laws and procedures are. I became very aware once we had a problem at the Ford store.

Kazran Dep. at 37. Accordingly, the only issue in dispute is why Kazran reimbursed the campaign contributions. Because he faces significant civil penalties and possible criminal pursecution, Kazratt has ample reason to wrongfully implicate Respondents with the hope of receiving lenient treatment from the Commission.

2. Kazran is leveraging the Commission to settle an unrelated business lawswit.

Kazran is currently engaged in heated litigation with Congressman Buchanan regarding a business loan and has attempted to use OGC's investigation as leverage for a favorable settlement.

See Buchanan Dep. at 138; Tosch Dep. at 73-74. He claims his cooperation with OGC was not intended to improve his financial situation, see Kazran Dep. at 74-75, but his actions belie this claim.

As Mr. Tosch testified:

Q: Did you discuss these minubusements with Sam Kazmn?

A: No. Mr. Kazran — again, Mr. Kazran called and said, "If Mr. Buchanan continues to pressure me to pay back" — we sent him a demand for 2 1/2 million — we sent — our attorneys sent him a written demand for \$2 1/2 million. Mr. Kazran called me back and said, "If Mr. Buchanan pursues this and sues me and my wife, I'm going to allege" — "I'm going to say that Mr. Buchanan told me to reimburse employees, and here are the checks." The following day or that same day, he sent me that e-mail. That was in response to a demand by our attorneys for payment of \$2 1/2 million that Mr. Kazran had embassled.

Tosch Dep. at 70-71.

Indeed, from the very beginning, Kazran has attempted to take advantage of Congressman Buchanan's position as a Member of Congress. His clumsy attempts to use his allegations as leverage for settlement began in 2008 and have continued up to the present date. See Tosch Aff. ¶ 4. Kazran even suggested in an October 18, 2010, letter that Congressman Buchanan pay Kazran's \$136,000 civil penalty in this matter, and implies he has discussed this idea with OGC. See Exhibit 1. His attempt to use the pending investigation as leverage continued at least until October 27, 2010, when Katran contacted attorneys for Congressmen Buchanan threatening to make the pending investigation public by filing a lawsnit alleging damages based on the General Courtsel's Briaf. See Exhibit 2; Exhibit 3; Exhibit 4. OGC was fully aware of their key witness's threats. See Brief at 29 n. 10.4

B. Kazran Is Not a Reliable Witness.

For a variety of reasons beyond his financial and personal motive to misrepresent the truth,

Kazran is not a reliable witness, and OGC's unfettered trust in him is misplaced.

1. Kazran has failed to repay Congressman Buchanan for a \$2.5 million loan.

In 2008, Congressman Buchanan loaned Kazran \$2.5 million for use at two Kia dealerships. Silver Aff. at ¶¶ 6-7. However, Kazran diverted a substantial portion of these funds to other entities in violation of the loan agreement. Silver Aff. ¶ 7; Tosch Dep. at 68. Kazran declared bankruptcy soon after and has failed to zepay Congressman Buchanan's loan. See In re Premier Chysler, Jeep, Dudge, L.L.C., No: 08-07432 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. filed Nov. 11, 2008); In re Premier Automotive on Atlantic,

³ Kazran's possible state court suit gives him further reason to shift responsibility away from himself and curry favor with OGC, as he can simply repeat his false allegations before the state court.

⁴ Though OGC repeatedly admonished witnesses during their testimony that FEC investigations are private and confidential, OGC has done nothing to deter its star witness Kazran's threat to breach that confidentiality in a public lawsuit against Congressman Buchanan. OGC apparently believes making an exception to its confidentiality concerns could avoid further damage to Kazran's credibility.

LLC., No. 08-6655 (Bankr. M.D. Fla., filed Oct. 28, 2008). OGC omits this pertinent fact from its Brief.

2. Kazran was jailed for contempt in Georgia.

Kazran's lack of credibility should be evident to OGC given his deceit during a recent bankruptcy proceeding in Georgia state court, a case likely familiar to OGC as a result of its two-year investigation. In that case, Kazran was accused of concealing assets in violation of a court order and was found to be in civil contempt. See Enhibit 5; Exhibit 6. He spent time in jail in connection with the matter. See Enhibit 7. He is also accused of mansferring funds two days after being instructed by a judge not to do so, and his deliberate misdeeds have continued at least until April of 2010. See Exhibit 5; Exhibit 8. OGC fails to note this case in assessing Kazran's credibility.

3. Kazran did not disclose that his sole corroborating witness is his brother-in-law.

Despite being asked during his deposition about Joshua Farid, Kazran failed to disclose that Farid is his brother-in-law. He referred to him only as his business "partner." See Kazran Dep. 9-10, 32. He was also asked about Farid's wife, Atefeh Farid, and failed to mention that she is his sister. Kazran Dep. at 51-52. This omission shows that Kazran withholds information — even when under oath to tell the whole truth — when he thinks the truth might be damaging to his story. Yet, OGC appears to not weigh this in judging Kaaran's credibility.

C. Kaztan's Testimony Is Fautually Inaccurate and Contradicted by More Reputable Witnesses.

1. Kazran is the sole firsthand witness supporting OGC's case.

Although OGC has attempted to create the illusion that Kazran is not the only firsthand witness supporting OGC's theory, OGC's own briefing makes clear that no one can corroborate Kazran's testimony based upon firsthand knowledge. OGC refers to other witnesses in a vain attempt to bolster Kazran's credibility, and, by extension, OGC's case. However, upon closer examination, no other witness was privy to the alleged "conversations" Kazran claims he had with

Congressman Buchanan.

Most disturbingly, Joshua Farid is presented as a corroborating witness, see Brief at 17 but OGC ignores his bias and inability to actually corroborate Kazran. In his deposition, Kazran states that Farid was in the room when Congressman Buchanan told Kazran to reimburse contributions.

See Kazran Dep. at 13, 32, 72. However, Farid states in his affidavit that he heard about the instruction to reimburse only from Kazran, and he does not testify that he was in the room. See Faris Aff. ¶ 5. OGC fails to explain this inconsistency between the testimony of Kazran and Farid and is untroubled by its significance. See id. OGC also tolies on Farid's excollection of an alleged "conversation that he overheard between Kazran and Buchanan in 2005 that corroborates Kazran's testimony," Brief at 17, but tellingly neglects to mention that Farid stated only that he overheard a phone conversation between Kazran and Congressman Buchanan. It is not clear from Farid's affidavit whether he was able to hear both sides of the alleged conversation. See Farid Aff. ¶ 4. In addition to possessing virtually no firsthand information regarding the interactions between Congressman Buchanan and Kazran, Farid is an obviously biased witness: he is intimately connected to Kazran both by marriage (to Kazran's sister) and by finances (as Kazran's business partner).

2. Other witnesses presented as "corroborating" do not supply meaningful support for OGC's allegations.

The remaining "corroborating" witnesses presented by OGC are Kenneth Lybarger, Controller of Suncoast Ford, and Gayle Lephart, Controller of Hyundai North Jacksonville. But Mr. Lybarger makes clear in his affidavit that "at no time have I ever met with or spoken to Vern Buchanan, or anyone who represented to be working with him on his campaign about his campaign." Lybarger Aff. ¶ 8. And even though Mr. Lybarger suggests that Gary Scarbrough, the operating partner at SunCoast Ford, may have ordered employee reimbursements, Mr. Scarbrough stated in sworn testimony that he did not recall doing so. Scarbrough Dep. at 19, 33-34, 41-42. Mr.

Lybarger even submitted a supplemental affidavit to make abundantly clear that he did not attend or have direct knowledge of anything that occurred at an alleged meeting Mr. Scarbrough attended immediately before supposedly requesting the alleged reimbursement. Lybarger Supp. Aff. ¶ 2. Likewise, Ms. Lephart does not claim any firsthand knowledge; she simply avers that she overheard Kazran's balf of a phone conversation that she "assumed" was with Congressman Buchanan, because "Mr. Kazran was frequently on the phone with Mr. Buchanan." Lephart Aff. ¶ 2. Thus, her testimony is of limited value. In short, reither of these so-called writnesses can truly support Kazran's false and biased elaims, and Lephart's recollection of one side of a telephone conversation. Kazran's side, is obviously limited by how Kazran may have characterized the conversation.

3. Kazran's testimony is contradicted by other partners and employees, and Congressman Buchanan himself.

Kazran promises in his testimony that other Buchanan business partners and associates will eventually corroborate his testimony, see Kazran Dep. at 75, but OGC has utterly failed to unearth anyone to fulfill that promise. Instead, Kazran's story is completely contradicted by several other witnesses whose testimony OGC omits from its Brief. In response to a question during his deposition about whether he detected funds being withdrawn from Hyundai North Jacksonville's accounts to reimburse contributions to VBFC, Dennis Slater, former Chief Optrating Officer as Anto Central Services, responded, "the answer to that very quickly is no." Slater Dep. at 80.

In addition, Ms. Scarbrough stated:

Q: Would you have been, again, if under oath someone told us that when you came back from that meeting you were excited and you wanted that person to make a contribution to the Buchanan campaign, gave them the amount to make the contribution and also told them to reimburse themselves from the Suncoast account, do you recall doing that?

A: No, I don't recall that ever happening.

Scarbrough Dep. at 41-42. Stephen Silverio, former partner of Congressman Buchanan, stated:

[Buchanan] never once alluded to the fact of anything about refunding them money back whatever they give.

Silverio Dep. at 61. And David Long, Operating Partner of Sarasota Ford, despite being accused by Kazran of reimbursing contributions, see Kazran Dep. at 16, stated:

Q: After making a contribution, did you offer them — any of them anything because of their contribution?

A: No.

Long Dep. at 85.

The testimony of John Tosch, Vice President of Auto Central Services, also directly contradicts Kazran. Although Mr. Tosch is not extensively involved in Congressman Buchanan's political activities, he is likely the witness with the most knowledge of Congressman Buchanan's business activities other than perhaps Congressman Buchanan himself. If Kazran's allegations were factual, Mr. Tosch would be in a position to corroborate his testimony. Accordingly, it is particularly damaging to OGC's speculative theories that Mr. Tosch's testimony contradicts Kazran:

Q: Mr. Tosch, did Mr. Buchanan or any of his agents ever suggest that his business partners should raise funds for Mr. Buchanan's campaign by reimbursing employee contributions?

A: No, sir. No, sir.

Tosch Dep. at 36. OGC repeated this same question several times with Mr. Tosch, and each time Mr. Tosch answered in the same manner. See,e.g., Tosch Dep. at 67.

In addition to rejecting Kazran's overall testimony, Mr. Tosch also provides critical repudiation of one particular aspect of Kazran's claims – that dollar amounts discussed in the context of settling a business dispute were actually part of a coded discussion regarding reimbursements:

Q: So when he says — "he," referring to Mr. Buchanan, has copies of 52k, it's your belief that he's not referring to the

\$52,000 worth of reimbursed contribution checks?

A: Yes.

Q: He's not referring to the -

A: My understanding of this throughout the entire framework was that there was no mention, no discussion with me, no discussion with my outside counsel of reimbursement for campaign. It was attorney fees that Sam allegedly had incurred. He had two or three attorneys.

Tosch Dep. at 94. Likewise, despite pressure from OGC attorneys, Tosch stated:

Q: On Page 2 of this exhibit is the tail end of a list changes that Kazran wanted to be made to the terms of an agreement. At Number 7, or Paragraph 7, or Item 7 in that a list, Kazran appears to have written, "Vernon had mentioned he would want to reimburse the stores a bill that he and I spoke of, the total amount is \$83,500. He has copies of 52k. If he likes, I can get the rest or he can verify through his records. This was at his request." Is it your understanding the quoted text regarding the \$83,500 or the 52k refers to the HNJ funds used to reimburse contributions for Vernon Bruthatian for Congress?

A: No, sir. That reference refers to reimbursement for attorney fees that he had incurred and would be incurring had he had a successful re-organization of his company and his obligations.

Tosch Dep. at 92-93. This exculpatory testimony, which significantly weakens OGC's case, was also not included in OGC's Brief.

Finally, Congressman Buchanan himself testified that he nover had a conversation with Kazran in which he instructed Kazran to reimburse contributions. When OGC asked Congressman Buchanan on three separate occasions whether he had ever suggested that Kazran reimburse contributions, his response each time was "Absolutely not." Buchanan Dep. at 93, 99, 103. When asked whether Kazran ever told Congressman Buchanan that he intended to reimburse contributions, Congressman Buchanan's response was "No. In fact, I am sure I made it clear to him that you can't reimburse contributions." Buchanan Dep. at 93. As OGC is well aware, there is

The Commission should be troubled that OGC is well aware of all the negative and contradictory facts about Kazran, yet omitted vineally all of them from its Brief. OGC ignared these facts because it cannot explain them and has no response to them. The fact that OGC has pursued this case for two years does not give it license to simply omit exculpatory evidence that contradicts its theory of the case.

III. OGC'S BRIEF IS ONE-SIDED AND INCOMPLETE, AND OMITS SIGNIFICANT EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE.

A. OGC Fails to Adequately Note that Respondents Made a Sua Sponte Submission on this Matter Two Years Ago.

OGC acknowledges only derisively Respondents' sua spente submission to the Commission, which was filed over two years age on October 6, 2008. See Exhibit 9. The information disclosed to the Commission came to light during the course of the threatened litigation between Congressman Bucharan and Kazran. Upon discovering Kazran's wrongdoing, Respondents conducted a full investigation and disclosed to the Gommission all relevant information in their possession. As Respondents noted at that time, the contributions received were all facially permissible under Commission regulations, and in no instance did Respondents engage in a knowing or willful violation of federal law. Each check was drawn on a personal or joint checking account and the amounts complied with the applicable contribution limits for the election cycle in question. See id. at 1-3. Respondents' reaction to Kazran's wrongful activities — a thorough internal investigation and a

voluntary self-disclosure – is strong evidence that Respondents did not knowingly violate federal election law.⁵ OGC scarcely acknowledges the submission and fails to recognize the serious challenge it represents to proving its allegation of Respondents' knowing intent.

B. OGC Omits Significant Exculpatory Evidence.

In addition to its failure to acknowledge the problems with Kazran's testimony, OGC also fails to acknowledge the credibility problems of certain other witnesses and conveniently omits significant exculpatory evidence from its Brief:

1. Rosa's testimony is not credible.

OGC's Brief uses the deposition testimony of Salvatore Rosa, former Chief Financial Officer of Auto Central Services, as the first piece of "evidence" that Congressman Buchanan and VBFC committed a knowing and willful violation of the law. Brief at 3. The Brief relies on two pages from Rosa's deposition to create the illusion that Congressman Buchanan, despite knowing of the prohibition on reimbursing contributions "since the early 2000's," asked Rosa to "finesse" a reimbursement to a business partner. But in addition to the fact that Congressman Buchanan directly denied Rosa's allegations, see Buchanan Dep. at 73-74, Rosa is simply not a credible witness. The OGC's Brief misleadingly implies that Rosa has personal knowledge pertinent to the current allegations against Rospondents but fails to disclose that Rosa has not worked for the Congressman for eight years. Rosa's depasture from Congressman Buchanan's automotive business was not by

Solven the cooperative spirit in which Respondents approached the Commission, the facts of this matter align with the Commission's stated policy on accepting sua sponte submissions. See Policy Regarding Self-Reporting of Campaign Finance Violations (Sua Sponte Submissions), 72 Fed. Reg. 16695, 16697 (April 5, 2007) (stating that the following factors will be taken into consideration, among others: "Investigative and corrective actions," "Full cooperation with the Commission," and "Full disclosure of the violation to the Commission"). Yet, OGC barely notes that the genesis of this matter was VRFC's own unprompted report.

Rosa's choice,⁶ and Rosa appears to harbor continued animosity toward Congressman Buchanan.⁷ Currently, Rosa is employed by City Automotive Group, a competitor to Congressman Buchanan's automotive business. Rosa Dep. at 7.

Furthermore, although Rosa's employment for Congressman Buchanan ended on December 31, 2003, he waited nearly five years, until July 31, 2008, to air his allegations. Rosa Dep. at 7, 71. Rosa's motive in using these allegations as leverage became clear when he asked his lawyer to notify Congressman Buchanan of the silegations shouly after they were made. Rosa Dap. at 72-73; Rosa Dep. Exhibit 2. As Rosa was making formal allegations against Congressman Buchanan, he was also

Rosa stated that Congressman Buchanan told him in February or March of 2003 that he would be hiring a new Chief Financial Officer who had the expertise to handle more sophisticated and complex financial transactions. Rosa Dep. at 58. When Congressman Buchanan told Rosa that he would be hiring a new CFO, Rosa stated that he knew "the handwriting was on the wall" and he would be leaving. Rusa Dep. at 58-59. However, Rosa directly contradicts himself when he stated that at the time of the alinged sointbursement instructions from Congressman Buchanan in June 2003, "I was still employed and knew I would still be employed." Rosa Dep. at 26. It is impossible for Rosa to simultaneously know that the "handwriting was on the wall" regarding his departure and be certain that he "would still be employed" by Congressman Buchanan. In addition, the unsolicited defense of his employment status at the time of his false allegations when it had not been challenged leads to questions about why Rosa felt it was necessary to lie about the security of his job at the

Rosa describes his work experience for Congressman Buchanan as "hostile," but at the same time describes the Congressman as gracious during the time of Rosa's departure. Rosa further claims that he "was subject to a hostile work environment," that he hired legal counsel to represent him, and that he could have brought a lawsuit against Congressman Buchanan "at any point in time." Rosa Dep. at 56-57. Rosa complained of the heavy workload his superior John Toschianigned to him, which required him to work late on weeknights and occasionally on the weekend. Rosa Dep. at 57-59. In fact, Rosa complained publicly about his workload to a local elected official who was a colleague of Congressman Buchanan's. Rosa Dep. at 63-64. Rosa adamantly states that he did not "resign" from his job, but rather alleges Congressman Buchanan "drove [him] out of the organization." Rosa Dep. at 9, 56-57. However, he contradicts himself two sentences later when he says he told Congressman Buchanan that he would depart on a day of his choosing. Rosa Dep. at 57. Although Rosa complained of a hostile work environment, Rosa states that Congressman Buchanan let Rosa complained of a hostile work environment, Rosa states that Congressman Buchanan let Rosa complained of a hostile work environment, Rosa states that Congressman Buchanan linchettan as a resonate when Rosa attempted to move bank into the Fluxida market in 2006. Rosa Dep. at 8, 57.

talking with members of the media about a wide range of allegations against Congressman Buchanan in what appears to be a coordinated attempt to discredit the Congressman and use the fact that he was a candidate for leverage. Rosa Dep. at 65-67; Rosa Dep. Exhibit 3. Rosa even admits that a complaint was filed with the Florida Bar Association regarding Rosa and his attorney's contact with Congressman Buchanan, which included a demand of money from Congressman Buchanan. Rosa Dep. at 53-54.

As a final point, even assuming arguendo that Rosa's allegations are truthful, they are well beyond the statute of limitations. As the Commission is aware, the statute of limitations on aritminal violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act is five years. 2 U.S.C. § 455. The statute of limitations for civil violations is also five years. 28 U.S.C. § 2462.

2. Mr. Silverio's testimony is contradicted.

OGC's Brief treats the allegations of Mr. Silverio, a former Buchanan partner who mistakenly alleges that Mr. Slater advised partners they could reimburse contributions, see Brief at 7, 11, as conclusive. However, OGC overlooks the fact that none of the witnesses they interviewed—including those present when Mr. Slater is alleged to have made the statement—can confirm Slater's comments. Indeed, Mr. Tosch, who was sitting near the other partners when Mr. Slater allegedly suggested that partners should reimburse employees for contributions, see Silverio Dep. at 47, states that neither Congressionan Buchanan, nor any of his agents, ever suggested reimbursing employee contributions. See Tosch Dep. at 36. Furthermore, Slater denies any knowledge of reimbursed contributions until he learned of them through the news media. See Slater Dep. at 68. This leads to the obvious conclusion that Slater did not advise the partners to reimburse employee contributions. Unfortunately, OGC never allowed Slater to refute this charge directly, and instead included Silverio's uncorroborated claim in the Brief as fact. OGC's failure to locate a single document to support Silverio's testimony and its concurrent inability to address the inconsistencies

underscores the weakness of OGC's case. Moreover, OGC omits the fact that Mr. Silverio was aggravated about being solicited for contributions, and is therefore unlikely to remember such solicitations in a dispassionate manner.⁸

3. Yvonne Buchanan's contemporaneous email indicates VBFC staffers were unaware of Kazran's reimbursements.

OGC fails to acknowledge that Yvonne Buchanan, Congressman Buchanan's sister-in-law who worked for VBFC and maintained an office at Buchanan's business location, stated, "We've never reimbursed anyone," in perporte to an email from Mr. Tosch anking for the "names of the people who were reimbursed from SunCoast Ford and SunCoast Mitsubishi." Gruters Dep. Exhibit 3. This statement was made before the sua sponte submission or the initiation of the Commission's investigation and serves as compelling evidence that Respondents did not know about or engineer reimbursement of campaign contributions.

4. Mr. Slater provided significant exculpatory testimony.

Mr. Slater clearly testified that he did not discover that partners were using the dealership's funds for improper purposes. Slater Dep. at 35. Furthermore, in response to a question about the allegations of employee reimbursements, Mr. Slater noted he had "never heard anybody complain

A: I think Mr. Silverio had some choice words to say about contributing.

Q: His own contributions?

A: He was "screw him" kind of thing. I don't think he was really that interested in contributing.

Q: So when did that -- when did you hear that?

A: I felt comfortable enough asking Steve, "Hey, are you contributing? Are you giving," blah, blah, blah, blah. And he was like, "F him," the way I remember it.

Long Dep. at 73.

⁸ For instance, Mr. Long testified as follows:

unless they had left the employment or had left being a partner" and that such an allegation "smells like it's retribution rather than fact." Slater Dep. at 71. Mr. Slater was also not personally reimbursed:

Q: Did you ever get anything in return for you and your wife's contribution to Buchanan's campaign, including cash, checks, other favors, use of his vacation home, or anything else of value?

A: The only thing I have gotten out of this whole thing is sitting here today.

Q: So that's a no?

A: That's a no.

Slater Dep. at 90-91. Despite the fact that Mr. Slater's sworn testimony directly refutes OGC's allegations, none of these exchanges appear in OGC's Brief. Once again, OGC omitted exculpatory evidence that does not fit its theory of the case.

C. "Inconsistencies" Highlighted by OGC Are Either Trivial, or Not Inconsistencies at All.

OGC devotes significant verbiage to recounting what it believes are "inconsistencies" in the testimony from Respondents and various witnesses. These so-called "inconsistencies" are either based upon testimony from Kazran, who has minimal credibility, or are simply irrelevant to this inquisy:

1. "Inconsistencies" regarding partner meetings are irrelevant.

OGC breathlessly reports that Congressman Buchanan, Mr. Tosch, Mr. Gruters, and Mr. Slater provided inconsistent information regarding the number of partner meetings Congressman Buchanan attended. However, OGC fails to explain why these minor inconsistencies about meetings that occurred years ago are meaningful or relevant. It would be absurd to expect perfect uniformity of memory about routine events that occurred several years ago. To the extent Congressman Buchanan and the other witnesses could not precisely recall the number of meetings

Congressman Buchanan attended, such discrepancies are inconsequential. Indeed, the important fact to glean from testimony regarding partner meetings is that nothing unlawful ever occurred at the meetings.

2. "Inconsistencies" regarding whether Congressman Buchanan asked Kazran to fundraise

Congressman Buchanan testified that he could not remember whether he ever directly asked Kazran to fundraise for his campaign, see Brief at 34, which prompted OGC to highlight campaign records showing plodge amounts attributed to Kazeran as an "inconsistency." However, OGC fails to explain why this alleged inconsistency is mouningful at all. See Brief at 34-35. Whether the Commission believes Congressman Buchanan did or did not ask Kazran to fundraise, both actions are absolutely within the bounds of the law. Certainly, asking donors to pledge particular fundraising amounts, and "following up with people," Gruters Dep. at 38, are both perfectly legal and commonplace.

Moreover, since becoming a candidate for federal political office on July 1, 2005, Congressman Buchanan has raised over \$12.5 million in campaign contributions, or an average of \$2 million per year for the last five and a half years. Implicit in this significant fundraising effort is the fact that Congressman Buchanan has solicited campaign contribution from countless supporters. In this context, Congressman Buchanan's inability to recall individual conversations with supporters or campaign contributions proves nothing, and OGC's reliance on this normal lack of recollection is fundamentally flawed.

3. "Inconsistencies" regarding Congressman Buchanan's knowledge of Fundraising totals are irrelevant.

OGC draws attention to the fact that Congressman Buchanan "testified that he did not report an individual partner's fundraising goal back to the campaign," Brief at 36, while campaign records and Mr. Gruters's testimony indicated that the campaign tracked the goals of donors who

bundled contributions. But Congressman Buchanan's testimony can hardly be interpreted to say that the campaign did not ever check in on its bundlers. While he initially said, "no," to a question posed by the Commission attorney, Congressman Buchanan continued:

They might have talked to someone at the campaign, again, I don't know, but it wasn't -- you know, I would just -- they would just let me know, you know, maybe talk to them in the quarter, one other time, how are you coming, Joe or Frank or whatever, and whatever they ended up with, they ended up with, you know, but some people did better then they said they were going to do, seems did hers.

Buchanan Dep. at 41 (emphasis added). By his own words, Congressman Buchanan clearly acknowledged that donors both set goals and received follow-up calls from his campaign about their progress. While OGC implies otherwise, see Brief at 37, nothing can change the fact that the activities discussed in this testimony were and are absolutely legal, and indeed, they are common strategies for raising money. The alleged inconsistencies on this subject are simply nonexistent, and, even taking OGC's allegation at face value, absolutely immaterial.

4. There are no "inconsistencies" regarding whether partners were instructed to reimburse.

OGC triumphantly points out imperfections in Congressman Buchanan's memory regarding whether he personally told contributors about the illegality of reimbursing campaign contributions.

See Brief at 39. Even if VBFC never sent warning latters to potential contributors regarding federal law, not sending such letters is hardly illegal. Certainly, OGC wildly overstates its case when it draws upon minor memory lapses to conclude that all of Congressman Buchanan's testimony on this issue "is not credible." Brief at 41. OGC's Brief repeatedly cites these types of unsupported conclusions,

⁹ As the General Counsel notes with apparent suspicion, counsel to VBFC mistakenly redacted recipient email addresses prior to disclosing to the Commission a document relevant to internal fundraising tracking. After receiving a question about tite amail from the General Counsel provided the unredacted document. The General Counsel has absolutely no grounds to imply that this omission was purposeful, and the redacted information does nothing to further OGC's case. See Brief at 38.

while failing to acknowledge the lack of real evidence to support the allegations against the Respondents, or the crippling contradictions and credibility gaps that cut to the heart of OGC's key evidence.

5. There are no "inconsistencies" regarding Kazran's threats.

OGC's so-called "inconsistencies" in this area are subject to factual dispute only if Kazran's testimony is accorded weight. For the reasons articulated above, Kazran's testimony is not credible and is highly bissed. His emails regarding amounts purportedly owen by Congressment Buchman, see Brief at 42, do not suggest saything other than the fact that Kazran was frantically szeking, after the fast, to avoid taking financial responsibility for his own misdeeds. Moreover, the so-called "reimbursement" repeatedly referenced by OGC, see Brief at 42, was debunked by John Tosch himself, as detailed above.

6. There are no "inconsistencies" regarding Congressman Buchanan's discussions with Kazran about 'reimbursements."

Like several of the alleged "inconsistencies" above, there are no factual disputes in this area unless Kazran's testimony is believable. Kazran's emails on the subject of reimbursement are entirely self-serving, to and neither of the voicemails that OGC highlighted in its Brief contains any evidence of wrongdoing. Indeed, the first voicemail included in OGC's Brief consists of Congressman Buchanan stating to Kazzan that "I've always made it clear . . . that you san't reimburse people. They've got to give it on their free will." Brief at 44. Finally, Congressman

Kazran's emails as cited in the General Counsel's Brief are self-sarving and unsupported by the record. OGC presents the emails as irrefutable evidence, when in fact they unsworn, self-serving statements. It is worth noting that during roughly the same time period, Kazran was engaged in dishonest conduct in connection with the Georgia bankruptcy proceedings discussed above. Contrary to Kazran's intent, his emails resulted in Congressman Buchanan filing suit against Kazran and the filing of the sam sports submission by VBFC. In short, Congressman Buchanan called Knaran's bluff, leaving Kazran to defend the false allegations he tried to use to leverage a favorable settlement.

Buchanan's inability to remember whether he read or accessed certain emails is entirely beside the point, and the Commission fails to explain how any discrepancy on this topic is incriminating. See Brief at 45.

7. There are no "inconsistencies" about the allegedly false affidavit.

Remarkably, OGC simply adopts Kazran's statement that the affidavit presented to Kazran by attorneys for Congressman Buchaman was false. See Brief at 46. In fact, it was entirely true, and Kamaan's refunal to sign it was caused only by apparent four about his own liability. Congressman Buchaman stated multiple times that he had never seen the affidavit before it was presented to him during his deposition. Buchanan Dep. at 166, 171-172. The alleged "inconsistency" in this area is not an "inconsistency" at all, and again, Congressman's Buchanan's inability to remember the precise details of a document he had never seen is not only understandable, but also entirely immaterial.

IV. OGC HIGHLIGHTS COMMON PRACTICES AND WRONGLY IMPLIES THOSE PRACTICES ARE IMPROPER.

A. Facts Cited about Congressman Buchanan's Business Operations Do Not Show Wrongdoing.

OGC devotes substantial time and space to highlighting issues and actions that are entirely legal and commonplace. It is hardly surprising that a political campaign would set fundraising goals, seek commitments from contributors and follow up with them, or measure its fundraising progress based on FEC reporting periods. It is similarly unremarkable that a businessman would update his partners regarding the status of his political campaign. And noting that a majority partner has some authority in relationships with his minor business partners states the obvious. This entire line of argument in OGC's Brief is nonsensical and entirely misses the mark. For example:

1. The SunCoast Ford refunds do not show evidence of wrongdoing.

Most remarkably, OGC cites routine contribution refunds as evidence of wrongdoing,

despite the fact that there is no affirmative duty for a political committee to notify the Commission of the exact basis for every campaign refund. See Brief at 16 (disdainfully noting that "VBFC never notified the Commission that SCF had reimbursed these contributions"). However, the fact that VBFC refunded contributions from the operating partner and three employees of SunCoast Ford after learning that they had been reimbursed is fully in line with Commission regulations. It is also standard operating procedure for political campaigns. Indeed, instead of bolstering the argument that VBFC engaged in illegal activity, this example prover VBFC's aninerance to example finance law and its lack of "knowing" or "willful" intent.

2. So-called power over miner partners is unremarkable.

The most ordinary detail that OGC chooses to highlight is the fact that Congressman Buchanan had the power to offer greater business opportunities to his minor partners. This is simply a description of a normal, hierarchical business structure. Such a relationship does not translate into illegal activity. Predictably, OGC provides no evidence to support its logical leap and

If a committee deposits a contribution that appears to be legal and later discovers that it is prohibited (based on new information not available when the contribution was deposited), the committee must disgorge the contribution within 30 days of making the discovery. 103.3(b)(2). This situation might strine, for example, if the committee learned that a past contributor was a foreign national or had a contract with the federal government. As another example, the committee might find out that a corporation reimbursed employees for their contributions to the committee (and had thus made corporate contributions and contributions in the name of another).

Federal Election Commission, "Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees," April 2008 at 31-32.

¹¹ The Commission's own Candidate Guide provides:

¹² See e.g., Reid Wilson, Obama Campaign Returning Foreign Contributions, The Hill, July 29, 2009, available at http://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/51213-obama-campaign-returning-foreign-contributions (last accessed Nov. 2, 2010).

ignores the fact that multiple partners and business associates testified under oath that Congressman Buchanan did not tell them or authorize them to reimburse campaign contributions. In fact, Mr. Silverio, a former business partner of Congressman Buchanan, stated that "[Congressman Buchanan is] a pretty persuasive man, but he didn't say anybody had to [contribute] . . . I think the way he asked for the contributions I think the partners felt obligated but I think it was more their own personal, psychological problem than it was anything else." Silverio Dep. at 52-53.

B. Facts Cited about VBFC Do Not Show Wrongdoing.

1. Soliciting ensiness partners is not improper.

It is standard practice for a candidate to ask his partners and business associates to contribute to his political campaign. A candidate's network of personal and business contacts often forms the nucleus of his fundraising target list. It is only logical that Congressman Buchanan would inform his business partners about his political campaign and seek contributions from them. OGC's attempt to paint these activities as questionable or inappropriate is unavailing. See Brief at 9-11.

2. Seeking contribution "bundlers" is common practice.

It is exceedingly common for a candidate to delegate fundraising responsibilities to a small group of key supporters, who in turn seek contributions from their friends and associates.¹³ Political candidates frequently employ this strategy because it enables them to tap into multiple networks that they may not otherwise be able to reach, and it incentivizes supporters to bring more people into the campaign through their own networks of contacts. Both parties' presidential candidates employed the practice during the 2008 campaign, and it continues to occur in campaigns around the country. ¹⁴

¹³ See, e.g., Jim Drinkard and Laurence McQuillan, "Handling" contributions puts for Bush campaign, USA Today, Oct. 16, 2003, available at http://www.usatoday.com/news/politicselections/nation/2003-10-15-cover-bundless x.htm (last accessed Nov. 2, 2010).

¹⁴ See e.g., Matthew Mosk and Alec MacGillis, Big Donors Among Obama's Grass Roots, Bundlers' Have a Voice in Campaign, Washington Post, Apr. 11, 2008, available at http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/10/AR2008041004045.html

VBFC's use of this wholly lawful technique does not indicate wrongdoing, contrary to OGC's implication. See Brief at 9-11.

3. Tracking contributions and focusing on quarterly reporting is not evidence of wrongdoing.

OGC's Brief also devotes substantial space to detailing VBFC's practice of tracking the supporters' fundraising commitments and encouraging donors to follow through on their commitments, especially before the close of a quarterly reporting period. See, Brief at 9-11. Again, this wholly lawful activity is not unusual and hardly suggests illegal conduct.¹⁵

On a related note, OGC misconstrues the importance of the quarter system to VBFC. Mr. Gruters explicitly denied that the "individual dates" of the quarterly reporting periods were the singular driving force in the campaign's fundraising. See Gruters Dep. at 27. Instead, he testified that campaign's goal was to raise "as much" money as possible. Id. In addition, Mr. Gruters notes that once Congressman Buchanan began serving in Congress, most campaign fundraising occurred at the end of the quarter because that was when he "had the most time and would be ready to focus on it." Id at 117. Finally, Mr. Gruters clearly explained to OGC that the campaign also had monthly and event-based fundraising goals. See id. at 116, 118. OGC ignores these facts altogether.

4. Choosing to raise funds from individuals instead of self-funding is not improper.

As evidence of wrongdoing, OGC also describes Congressman Buchanan's goal to raise contributions from many individuals instead of funding the campaign with his personal accources.

See Brief at 9. It is quite obvious why a candidate would prefer to draw upon the financial support of many supporters instead of financing a campaign with his own resources. Such an approach

⁽last accessed Nov. 2, 2010); Fredreka Schouten, McCain uses 'bundler' money more than Obama campaign, USA Today, July 16, 2008, available at http://www.usatoday.com/news/politics/election2008/2008-07-15-bundlers N.htm (last accessed Nov. 2, 2010).

¹⁵ See e.g., Josh Kraushaar, The skinny on second quarter cash, Politico, July 17, 2009, available at http://dvn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uvid=859B222C-18FE-70B2-A8A6E7EE8A54CFCC (last accessed Nov. 2, 2010).

suggests nothing about Respondents' adherence to the law.

CONCLUSION

When the testimony of Sam Kazran is debunked, when the exculpatory information hidden by OGC is finally shown the light of day, and when one looks past OGC's unwarranted, speculative conclusions about routine fundraising activity, OGC's case does not come close to satisfying the relevant standard. OGC's two-year investment into this matter simply does not warrant finding probable cause where the evidence requires the opposite. Because OGC cannot meet its legal burden, Raspondeats respectfully request that the Commission dismiss this matter.

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CIVIL ACTION FILE No. 08A08973-1

V.

Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit Automotive Group, LLC, and Gwinnett, LLC,

DEFENDANTS.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION AND SUPPORTING MEMORANDUM FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER, FOR CONTEMPT, AND FOR SANCTIONS

After a hearing on October 20, 2008 during which all the parties were represented by counsel, the Court entered an interlocutory injunction expressly restraining and enjoining Defendants from (i) withdrawing, paying or otherwise transferring funds derived from and of the Collateral, including without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, and inventory; (ii) transferring, removing, disposing of, or altering any of the Collateral, including without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, and inventory; and (iii) and taking any action related to any of the Gollateral, including without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, and inventory. Without seeking leave of Court (and without Plaintiff's permission or knowledge), Defendants willfully violated the interlocutory injunction by transferring at least \$167,843.00 in funds on October 22, 2008. Pursuant to the Court's inherent and contempt powers, Plaintiff requests (1) that Defendants immediately tender into the Court's registry \$167,843.00, the funds subject to the interlocutory injunction; and (2) that Defendants be ordered to show cause why they should not be held in contempt and punished as provided by law.

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I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On October 3, 2008, Plaintiff filed this lawsuit seeking the appointment of a Receiver, entry of a Temporary Restraining Order, and a writ of possession with respect to Plaintiff's Collateral. (Compl.) Plaintiff immediately moved the Court for the appointment of a receiver and the issuance of a temporary restraining order prohibiting Defendants from withdrawing, paying or otherwise transferring any fueds derived from operation or use of the Collateral except to the Reservor; from namewing any Collegeral from Defendants' places of husings; from removing, destroying, concealing, changing, altering or otherwise disposing of any of the books and records related to the Collateral; and from taking any actions which interfere with the Receiver's rights, powers, duties and objectives, damage or diminish in any way whatsoever the Bank's Collateral, or otherwise impair or impede disposition of the Bank's Collateral. Defendants were notified of the hearing on Plaintiff's motion for appointment of receiver and for a temporary retraining order. See Exhibit A. Defendants' managing member, Sam Kazran, appeared at the hearing with counsel. Following oral arguments and tendering of evidence, the Court granted Plaintiff's Motion and immediately entered an Order Appointing Receiver. Grunting Injunctive Relief, and Authorizing and Directing Payments into the Registry of Court. See Embibit B. The Court verbally warmed the parties that the Order was effective immediately and that any violation of the Court's Order would be punishable by contempt. Counsel for Defendants reviewed and approved the Order as to form prior to its submission to the Court.

Plaintiff recently learned that on October 22, 2008, two days after the entry of the interlocutory injunction, Defendants transferred \$167,843.00 in funds in violation of the Court's Order. See Exhibit C.¹ Defendants, and upon information and belief Mr. Sam Kazran

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specifically, transferred the following funds without seeking leave of Court, and without Plaintiff's permission or knowledge:

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\$10,000.00	Jim Cifelli Law Firm
\$10,000.00	Cash withdrawal
\$20,000.00	Sam Kazrari
\$20,000.00	Lucky Platinum
\$67,843.00	Internal Revenue Service
\$15,000.00	Matt Uribe
\$25,000.00	Law Offices Stutsman Thames
TOTAL: \$167,843.00	
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This conduct is in direct violation and contravention of the Court's Order. Defendants, and their officers, directors, representatives, agents, servants, employees, members, owners, accountants, partners, and/or anyone acting on behalf of or through them who directed these unlawful transfers, should be punished by contempt and ordered to immediately deposit \$167,843.00 into the Registry of the Court.

II. ARGUMENT & CITATION OF AUTHORITY

The Court is vested with certain powers to compel obedience with its orders. These powers are outlined, in part, in O.C.G.A. §§ 15-1-3, 15-6-8. Defendants' willful disregard for the interlocutory injunction in this case is punishable by contempt under both of these code sections.

The Court has the power to "[t]o compel obedience to its judgments, orders, and process and to the orders of a judge out of court in an action or proceeding therein" and "[t]o control, in the furtherance of justice, . . . all other persons connected with a judicial proceeding before it, in every matter appertaining thereto." O.C.G.A. § 15-1-3(3),(4); West v. Field. 181 Ga. 152, 181 S.E. 661 (1935) (holding that all courts have the inherent power to punish for contempt). "The proper administration of justice demands that courts have the power to enforce their orders and decreas by contempt proceedings. Dissinations to the lawful order of a court is an obstruction of justice, and for such a violation the court, in under to compel respect or compliance, may punish for contempt." Griggers v. Bryant. 239 Ga. 244, 246, 236 S.E.2d 599, 601 (1977). "The basis for a contempt action is a 'willful' refusal to comply with a judgment or order of the court."

Id. at 246; Lee v. Environmental Pest & Termite Control. Inc., 243 Ga. App. 263, 264, 533 S.E.2d 116, 118 (2000).

In this case, the Court entered an interlocutory injunction enjoining Defendants from transferring certain funds in their bank account at issue in this dispute. There is no dispute that Defendants had knowledge of the interlocutory injunction as evidenced by their managing member's presence during both the October 20, 2008 ovidentiary hearing and the Court's promountmember of its Order, and their countain involvement in the submission of the Order. Just two (2) days after the entry of the interlocutory injunction, Defendants impropesly transferred the funds. Defendants' willful violation of the interlocutory injunction authorizes the Court to order Defendants to immediately tender into the Court's registry the funds (\$167,843.00) subject to the interlocutory injunction until entry of final judgment or the Court otherwise orders. See Courtesy Leasing, Inc. v. Christian, 266 Ga. 187, 465 S.E.2d 443 (1996) (court order directing funds to be paid into the court's registry until resolution upheld under

authority of O.C.G.A. § 15-1-3(4)); Eichelkraut v. Camp, 236 Ga. App. 721, 725, 513 S.E.2d 267, 270 (1999) (holding that "[t]he broad powers given to trial courts by O.C.G.A. § 15-1-3(4) to manage the cases over which they preside authorized the trial court to order the funds deposited into the registry").

Under O.C.G.A. § 15-6-8, the Court also has the authority "[t]o punish contempt by fines not exceeding \$500 and by imprisonment not exceeding 20 days" and "[t]o exercise such other powers, not tourisary to the Constitution, as are ar may be given to such courts by law."

O.C.G.A. § 15-6-8(5),(6). A party that violates a court order may be found guilty of either civil or criminal contempt, or both. See Ensley v. Ensley, 239 Ga. 860, 863, 238 S.E.2d 920, 923 (1977). The difference between civil and criminal contempt is the purpose of the contempt judgment: "[w]here the primary purpose is to preserve the court's authority and to punish for disobedience of its orders, the contempt is criminal. Where the primary purpose is to provide a remedy for an injured suitor and to coerce compliance with an order, the contempt is civil." Id. at 861; Lee v. Environmental Pest & Termite Control. Inc., 243 Ga. App. 263, 264, 533 S.E.2d 116, 118 (2000) (holding that "criminal contempt imposed unconditional punishment from prior acts of conturnacy, whereas civil centempt imposes conditional punishment as a means of coercing future compliance with a prior court order"). In addition to ordering Defendants to tender the funds into the Court's registry, Defendants should be hald in criminal and civil contempt.

Because Defendants willfully violated the Court's interlocutory injunction, Defendants and their officers, directors, representatives, agents, servants, employees, members, owners, accountants, partners, and/or anyone acting on behalf of or through them who directed these unlawful transfers, should be held in criminal contempt and punished as the Court deems

appropriate. See O.C.G.A. § 15-6-8(5); Reece v. Smith, Nos. A08A1217, A08A1218, 2008 WL 2814084, at *2 (Ga. App. July 23, 2008) (upholding trial court's order fining the parties \$500 and imprisoning them for twenty days after finding them in criminal contempt for violating trial court's orders). Defendants should also be held in civil contempt for their willful violation of the Court's order. See In re Orenstein, 265 Ga. App. 230, 593 S.E.2d 690 (2004) (holding that the court was authorized to fine contempor \$500 per week until the matter had been resolved or until the sum paid equals the amount improperly with stawn from the court's registry sinse O.C.G.a. § 15-6-8(5) is not applicable to sanctions imposed for civil contempt).

III. CONCLUSION

Defendants willfully violated the Court's interlocutory injunction by transferring funds in direct violation of the Court's Order. Plaintiff requests that this matter be set immediately for a show cause hearing as to why Defendants and their officers, directors, representatives, agents, servants, employees, members, owners, accountants, partners, and/or anyone acting on behalf of or through them who directed these unlawful transfers, should not be held in criminal and civil contempt. See Anthony v. Anthony, 240 Ga. 155, 240 S.B.2d 45 (1977).

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 24, 2098, a copy of the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S MOTION AND SUPPORTING MEMORANDUM FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER, FOR CONTEMPT, AND FOR SANCTIONS was served upon all counsel of record by email, facsimile, and Hand Delivery to the following:

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CERTIFICATION BY PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OF NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

The undersigned attorney for Plaintiff, Bank of America, N.A., (the "Plaintiff"), hereby certifies that the following notice has been given to Defendants Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit Automotive Group, LLC, and Gwinnett, LLC ("Defendants").

1. The undersigned attorney for Plaintiff caused to be sent via overnight courier (and via email to Mr. James H. Post, Esq.) on October 14, 2008, a copy of the Notice of Rescheduled Hearing to the following:

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PLAINTIFFS EXHIBIT

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Gwinnett, LLC c/o Gayle Lephart, Registaned Agent 3333 North Main Street Jacksouvilln, FL 32206

- 2. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Rescheduled Hearing with confirmations of delivery from the overnight courier is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." A true and correct copy of the canail sent to Defendants' counsel is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 3. Plaintiff's counsel also left a telephone massage for Mr. Post in the afternoon of October 16, 2008, reminding him of the hearing scheduled for October 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Post and his law firm are representing Defendants in a related case pending in Florida and Mr. Post has communicated with Plaintiff's Florida counsel on behalf of the Defendants.
- 4. Plaintiff's counsel also sent Mr. Post, via facsimile to (904) 359-7708 and via email to <u>ipost@amithhulsey.com</u>, a letter on October 17, 2008, reminding him that Plaintiff intended to proceed with the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of a Receiver, Entry of a Temporary Restraining Order, and Request for Expedited Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 2008. A true and correct copy of the letter to Defendants' Counsel is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."
- 5. It appears that premised located at 3244 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 are not occupied. Accordingly, the undersigned attorney for Plaintiff caused to be sent via overnight courier on October 17, 2008, a copy of the Notice of Rescheduled Hearing to the following:

Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC c/o President, Officer, Managing Manufact er Managing Agent 1655 Church Street Decatur, Georgia 30033

Upon information and belief, the address listed in this paragraph is a Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge

dealership owned by Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, and being operated as "Premier of Decatur."

6. Further notice to Defendants should not be required prior to the Court's appointment of a Receiver and entry of a Temporary Restraining Order because of the urgency of the circumstances and as Pinintiff is suffering and will suffer immediate and irreparable injury, loss and demagn unless a receiver is appointed and injunctive relief is granted, as described in Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of a Receiver, Entry of a Temporary Restraining Order, and Request for Expedited Heating.

The 17th day of October 2008.

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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Certification by Plaintiff's Attorney of Notice to Defendants was caused to be served on October 17, 2008, on the Defendants, or if represented by counsel, counsel for the Defendants, via overnight courier, with sufficient postage affixed to ensure delivery, at the addresses below:

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This 17th day of October, 2008.

Paul M. Alexander

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Bank of America, N.A.,	TOM LAWLER, CLERK
Plaintiff, v.	Civil Action File No. 08A08973-1
Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit Automotive Group, LLC, and Gwinnett, LLC,	Copy
Defendants.	j

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING .

Notice is hereby given that the hearing on Plaintiff Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion for Appointment of a Receiver, Entry of Temporary Restraining Order and Request for Expedited Hearing, previously set for Friday, October 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., has been rescheduled to Monday, October 20, 2008 at 9:80 a.m. The rescheduled hearing will be held in Courtroom 3B of the Superior Court of Gwinnest County, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045. The above-named Defendants shall appear and show masse as to why the requested relief should not be granted.

Submitted this 14th day of October, 2008.

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I hereby certify that I am of counsel to Bank of America, N.A. and that on the 14th day of October, 2008 I have caused to be served a true and complete copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING by overnight counier to ensure delivery, and addressed as follows:

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Should you have any questions regarding the attached, please contact Paul via email at pmalexander@millermertin.com or via telephone at (404) 962-6449.

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VIA EMAIL (JPOST@SMITHHULSEY.COM) AND FACSIBULE (904) 359-7708

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Re:

Back of America, N.A., v. Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit

Automotive Group, LLC and Gwinnett, LLC

In the Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Civil Action No. 08A08973-1

Dear Mr. Post:

I am sending this letter to you in your capacity as counsel for Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit Automotive Group, LLC and Gwinnett, LLC. As I indicated in my voicemail message to you yesterday afternoon, please be reminded that we intend to proceed with the hearing on Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion for Appointment of Receiver, Entry of Temporary Restraining Order, and Request for Expedited Hearing at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 10, 2808 in Courtroom 3B of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County. Enclosed is another oppy of the Notice of Restheduled Hearing which was resemble they rest on Octaber 14, 2008 to you via erasil and via Federal Expense, as well as to and yout clients' Registered Agents via Faderal Expenses.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Alexander

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ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER, GRANTING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PAYMENTS INTO THE REGISTRY OF COURT

On October 3, 2008, Plaintiff Bank of America, N.A. (the "Bank") filed the above-styled Complaint and Petition for Appointment of Receiver, Temporary Restraining Order and Other Relief and Affidavit and Petition for Writ of Possession of Personal Property Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-230, et seq. (the "Complaint"), and Motion for Appointment of a Receiver, Entry of Temporary Restraining Order and Request for Expedited Hearing (the "Motion"), against Defendants, Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit Automotive Greep, LLC, and Gwinnett, LLC (sollectively, "Defendants").

The Motion same before the Court for a hearing on October 20, 2008, and present at the hearing were counsel for Plaintiff, Paul M. Alexander, counsel for the Defendants, James C. Cifelli, who made a limited appearance in the absence of service of process until the day of the hearing, the managing member of each of the Defendants, Sam Kazran ("Mr. Kazran"), and Senior Vice President with Bank of America, N.A., Daniel Langelier.

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¹ Unless otherwise defined, all rapitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Complaint.

The Court directed service of process upon Mr. Kazran, appearing under no legal compulsion, in open Court, and a Sheriff's Deputy served three (3) Summonses and three (3) copies of the Complaint and the Motion upon Mr. Kazran. The Court finds that (i) the Defendants have received proper and sufficient notice of the Motion and of the hearing, (ii) venue is proper in this Court, and (iii) the Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.

The Court having reviewed the pleadings and heard and considered the evidence and arguments of counsel, and for good cause shown, it is hereby, found, held and ORDERED, effective as of October 20, 2008, as follows:

- 1. For purposes of this Order only, and without prejudice to any party's right to seek to establish otherwise in this or any other proceeding, the Court concludes that the Bank holds, under the Loan Documents and applicable law, a valid, properly perfected, first-in-priority security interest in and lien upon, Defendants' accounts, chattel paper, deposit accounts, documents, equipment, general intengibles, intellectual property, instruments, and inventory, whatever now commit or existing at homesture acquired at arising, wherever breated, all insurance proceeds, banks and manuals related to the foregoing, and cash and man-cash proceeds and products thereof (nollectively, the "Colleteral); and
 - 2, Defendants definited under the terms of the Loan Documents; and
- The Bank has demonstrated grounds for appointment of a receiver pursuant to the Loan Documents and applicable law.

Accordingly, for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is granted as set forth hereinbelow:

- 6. The Court hereby appoints NachmanHaysBrownstein, Inc., under the management and direction of Managing Director, Keith Northern (and together with other officers, employees and agents thereof hereinafter collectively, the "Receiver"), with offices at 822 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 254, Nafberth, PA 19072, as receiver, without bond, of any and all of the Collateral.
- 7. The Receiver is ordered and directed to marshal, take immediate possession of, hold, secure, take charge of, preserve and partiest all of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and records, for the purpose of liquidating and disposing of the Collateral, which is to be completed no later than March 31.

 2009. The Receiver is authorized and directed to take such actions in its reasonable discretion to liquidate and dispose of the Collateral in a commercially reasonable manner, which may include, without limitation the following:
 - (a) The Receiver will provide on-site administration of the liquidation.
- (b) The Receiver will review all relevant loan and dealership documents, determine ownership of Collateral, contact appropriate livelyed parties including measurements, and as soon as practical, the Receiver shall submit to the Back and counsel for the Receiver, a review, a written liquidation plan making proposals with respect to aliaposition of Collaboral in order to afficiently maximize value and a written budget detailing the Receiver's expected expenditures, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank in its good faith discretion.
- (c) The Receiver will make arrangements with potential buyers of the units, including possible auction services, subject to approval by the Bank of the purchase contracts.

 The Receiver will arrange for transportation of the units to one or more other location(s) as needed, subject to approval by the Bank of the transportation/storage contracts.

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- (d) The Receiver will maintain physical custody of all Collateral and of copies of all Business Records. The Receiver shall make and maintain accurate records of all dispositions and expenditures as it faiffills its obligations as set forth in this Order, and shall provide copies of all such information to the Bank.
- 8. The Receiver is suthorized and directed to deposit all proceeds from the liquidation and disposition of the Collectual into the Registry of the Superior County of Gwinnett County is hereby ordered and directed to accept payment of all proceeds from the liquidation and disposition of the Collectual and to deposit same directly into an interest bearing account with the Office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County to be held until further order of this Court.
- 9. Without in any way limiting the authority of the Receiver to marshal, take immediate possession of, hold, secure, take charge of, preserve, protect, liquidate or dispose of the Collateral, the Receiver is not authorized to operate the business enterprise, and is not authorized to continue regular operations of the Defendants, Unless the Plaintiff and the Operation of the Defendants, Unless the Plaintiff and the Operation of the Defendants.
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- (a) To take ignorediese passession and control of sit of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and records, by way of illustration and not limitation, taking possession and control, to the exclusion of Defendants, and all others, of all safe deposit boxes, all checking or savings accounts or other accounts, and to hold, retain, preserve, protect, marshal and dispose of all of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, and inventory, to remove any or all of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and

records, to receive all payments, revenues, and income which constitute proceeds from the sale or disposition of the Collateral, and to execute any necessary documents to allow the Receiver to take possession and control of all of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and records;

- (b) To teamine to the Registry of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, any and all money held in absalting, savings or calter depositanty accounts as they relate to the Collateral, wherever located, incitiding, but not limited to, any operating accounts, payroll accounts, vendor's accounts, petty cash accounts, and security deposit accounts;
- (c) To execute such documents as are necessary to perform the Receiver's duties, including, but not limited to powers of attorney;
- (d) To collect any income, earnings, rents and profits generated by the Colleteral, for the sole purpose of facilitating the Receiver's duties pursuant to this Order;
- (c) At the Receiver's reasonable discretion, to collect on accounts, as may be necessary to fulfill the Passerver's duties pursuant to this Order;
- (f) At the Receiver's ressonable discretion to pay from Callateral persents reasonable expenses necessary to ensure an caderly limitation and disposition of the Collateral, including, without limitation, for insurance coverage, and for Reynolds & Reynolds software licensing and/or services (provided that the Receiver is not authorized or disseted to operate the Defendants' business);
- (g) At the Receiver's reasonable discretion, to utilize any Principal, Managing Directors, other professional staff or employee of NachmanHayaBrownstein, Inc., and to employ such "non-professional" persons or companies as may be necessary to fulfill the Receiver's

duties pursuant to this Order, including, but not limited to, present or former employees of Defendants, investigators, suctioneers, locksmiths, security personnel and others;

- (h) At the Receiver's reasonable discretion, the Receiver may request authority from the Court to employ "professional" persons or companies otteride of Nachman-Haptibrowantsin, has, such as accommants or automaya and such sequest (which shall include the name of the professionals, such and turns of employment) shall be delivered by email and overnight courier to countal for the Bank and caused for the Defendants. In the event no objection is filed by any party within five (5) days from the date such request is sent, the Receiver may present to the Court an order authorizing such employment, and the Court may enter an order authorizing such employment, and the Court may objection is filed and served within five (5) days from the date such request is sent, the Court may set the matter down for a hearing with reasonable notice to the parties;
- (i) At the Receiver's reasonable discretion, to secure the premises where the Colletteral is located, fireluding, but not finited to, by changing locks; and
- (j) In addition to the persons and duties supressly set forth in the Order, the Receiver shall have all of the preserve of a Reserves, which are archaeised by law, to marshal, preserve, protect and dispose of all of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, and inventory, wherever located, and to comply with the terms of this Order, and to take such other action as may be authorized by this Court and allowed by applicable law.
- 11. The Receiver is authorized and directed to review and analyze the books and records of the Defendants in order to determine the extent, nature and priority of any liabilities, and the extent, nature and priority of any lieus on or security interests in the Collateral. As soon as practicable, the Receiver is authorized and directed to report to the Court and the Bank the

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extent, nature and priority of any liabilities, and the extent, nature and priority of any liens on or security interests in the Collateral.

- 12. Defendants, their officers, directors, representatives, agents, servants, employees, members, owners, accountants and/or partners, and anyone acting on behalf of or through or under them, iscluding, whiteast limitation, Mr. Kazran, are married to immediately summiner government and control to the Resceiver of all of the Colletons, healuding, without limitation, the following items:
- (a) all business records related to the Collateral, including, but not limited to, all account reports, books of account, ledgers, computer software, computer hardware, data, savings and checking account books, pass book ledgers, expense statements and any other documents or records in any way relating to the Defendants' business operations (the "Business Records"); and
- (b) all of the accounts, deposit accounts, wherever located, including, but not limited to the Collateral and proceeds in the possession, custody or control of third parties, including by way of illustration and not limitative, any such property in depository accounts maintained by, through or on belief of Dafandaries.
- 13. Defendants, their officers, eliccosers, myresentatives, agents, servants, employers, members, owners, accountants and/or preters and anyone acting on behalf of or through or under them, including without limitation, Sam Kazran, are restrained and enjoined from (i) withdrawing, paying or otherwise transferring funds derived from and of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, and inventory, except to the Receiver, (ii) selling, leasing, transferring, removing, disposing of, destroying, concealing, changing or altering any of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory



and related books and records; (iii) removing, disposing of, destroying, concealing, changing or altering any of the Business Records; and (iv) taking any action related to any of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and records, without the express consent and permission of the Receiver.

- The Receiver, and the Resciver's agents and employees, are hereby authorized to council or County of the Octave and the County of the Octave and the inner any real property and structural whenever the Collected or Resinces Research are issued, including without limitation, 3244 Commence Avenue, Duduth, Georgia 30096 and 1655 Chunch Street, Decatur, Georgia 30033, to investigate, inspect, marshal, preserve, protect, take possession of and/or remove the Colleteral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and records, and otherwise perform the duties of the Receiver, and any persons receiving notice of this Order, by personal service, facsimile or electronic transmission, or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from preventing such actions.
- 15. Any persons receiving notice of this Order, by personal service, facsimile or electronic transmission, or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from disposing, transferring, exchanging, assigning or in any way someony and the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and recerds, except to the Receiver.
- 16. Any persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile or electronic transmission, or otherwise, having possession, custody or control of any of the Collateral, including, without limitation, accounts, deposit accounts, inventory and related books and records, are hereby directed to immediately deliver the same to the Receiver, its agents and/or employees.

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- 17. All of Defendants, their officers, directors, representatives, agents, servants, employees, members, owners, accountants and/or partners and anyone acting on behalf of or through or under them, including without limitation Mr. Kazran, shall provide the Receiver necessary information to falfill his daties (which shall include, but not be limited to, providing the Reseiver with all computer and security system pustwords and pass-endos for all of Defendants' computers, databases, electronic recents and depository accounts), and shall take no action, directly or indirectly, to hinder, obstruct as otherwise interfere with the Receiver in the performance of the Receiver's duties.
- Any brokerage firm, financial institution, bank or mutual fund or any other person or entity having possession, custody or control of any brokerage, checking, savings or deposit account or other property or assets of the Defendants, that receives actual notice of this Order, by personal service, facsimile or electronic transmission, or otherwise, shall within three (3) days of receipt of this Order, deliver to the Receiver a statement under oath, with respect to each such account or asset, the balance in the seconds or description of the assets at the close of Susiness on the since of the receipt of the Order.
- 19. The Remiver and any persons engaged in amployed by the Receiver shall be paid by the Bank for services randomed in summection with this Order in the normal course of the Bank's account payable policies. The Bank shall pay the Receiver's fees for actual time incurred at the following hourly rates: Principal, \$400 to \$525; Managing Directors, \$300 to \$400 and; other professional staff, \$175 to \$300. Travel time will be charged at one-half of the applicable hourly rate. Reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the Receiver in connection with this Order will be billed separately and shall include, but are not limited to travel costs and lodging. Any and all reasonable and necessary fees and costs paid by the Bank under this Order shall be

added to the indebtedness due under the Loan Documents to the extent provided for by the Loan Documents and applicable law. The Receiver shall submit weekly invoices for payment to:

Bank of America, N.A.
Attn: Mr. Dan Langelier
Mail Code: FL1-400-07-02
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Tampa, FL 33631-3590
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- 20. The Receiver shall make its means in the Superior Court of Gwinnett County.

 Additionally, the Receiver shall provide the Bank and counsel for the Defendants with a weekly statement of proceeds deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, and shall promptly provide the Bank, upon reasonable request, with such other reports and information as the Bank may be reasonably entitled to receive under the Loan Documents.
- 21. This Order is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to seek other and further relief before this Court in order to pursue other available rights and remedies under the Loan

Documents and applicable law, including, without limitation, the right to seek payment of proceeds from the disposition of the Collateral, or to seek a writ of possession pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-230, et seq.

- 22. This Court will retain jurisdiction over this matter and all parties for all purposes and will order other and further relief that this Court downs appropriate under the circumsumoses.
- 23. This Reminership will consider for such time until the Court enters an Order terminating it; provided that to the extent the Receiver no longer desires to serve in that capacity, upon notice to the Plaintiff and Defendants and for good cause shown, the Receiver may apply to the Court for termination of his appointment.

SO ORDERED, this 2 Day of October . 2008.

WILLIAM M. RAY II

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA

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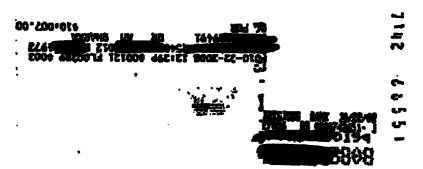
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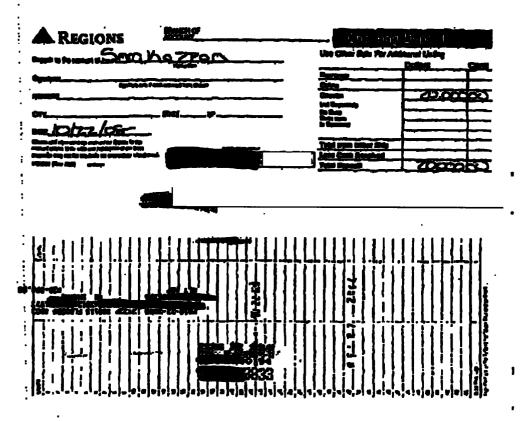
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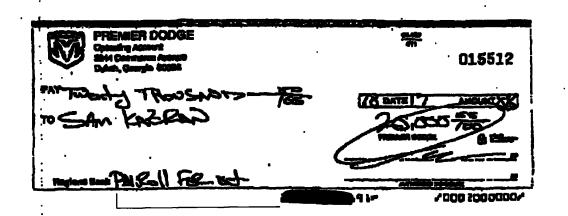
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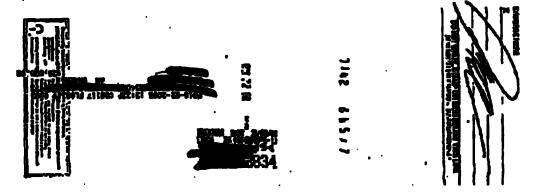
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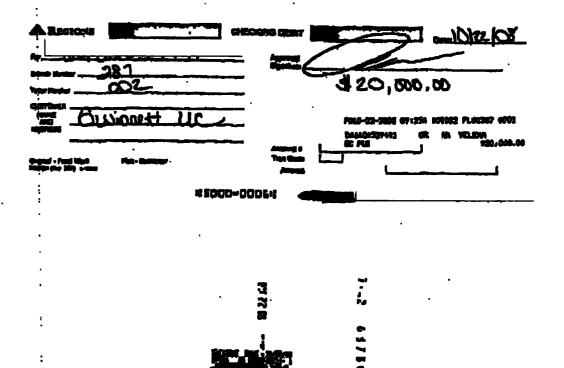
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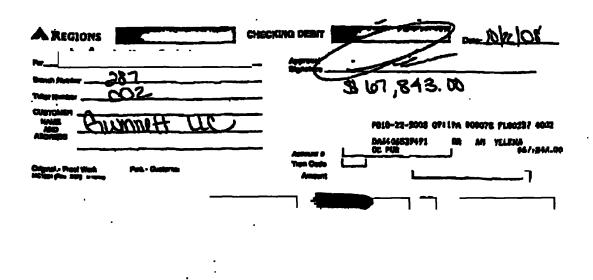
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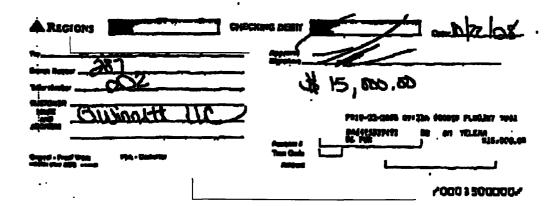
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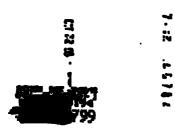
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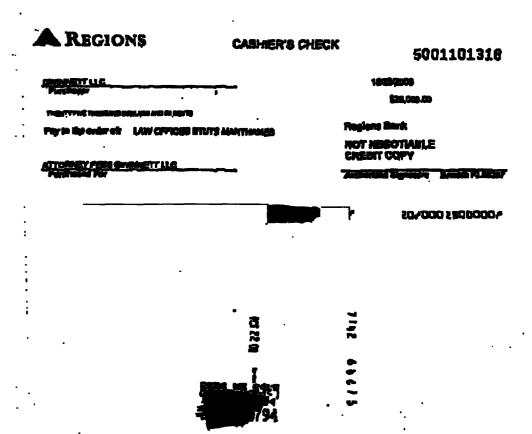
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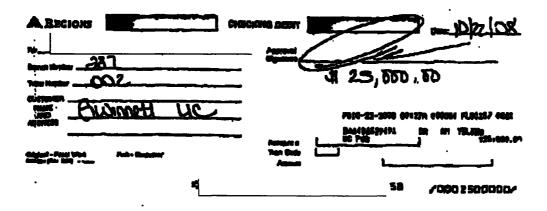
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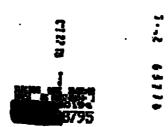
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Bank of America, N.A.,)
Plaintiff,)) Civil Action File No. 08A08973-1
v.)
Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit Automotive Group, LLC, and Gwinnett, LLC,)))
Defendants.	_3

NOTICE OF FILING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

Plaintiff Bank of America, N.A. files with this Court the attached Certificate of Authenticity ("Certificate"). The original Certificate is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted, this 5th day of November 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November 2008, I caused to be served a true and copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY upon counsel and/or parties of interest by depositing same in the United States Mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto to ensure proper delivery and addressed as follows:

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

L VICKI LU FANDING do hereby swear and affirm as follows:

- 1. I am one of the duly authorized Custodians of Records for Regions Bank.
- 2. The business records attached hereto are securate copies of documents from business records of Regions Bank.
- 3. The business records attached hereto were and are maintained in the ordinary course of business, and the entries made therein were made at or near the time of the regularly conducted activities reflected therein.

Hereby sworn to the best of my knowledge this 3161 day of Dc + 05 ec. 2008.

Name: VICKI W. FANNING

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SWORN to and subscribed before me

This 31 day of October 2008.

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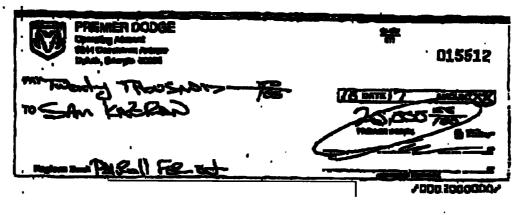
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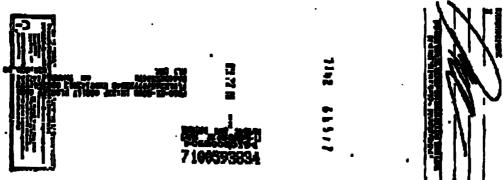
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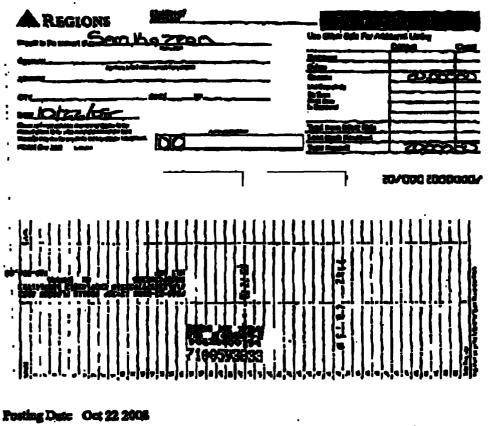
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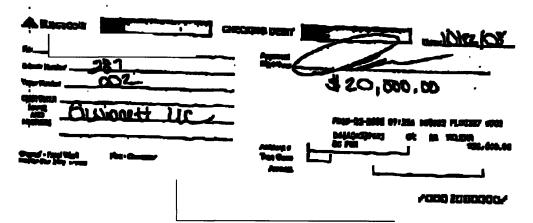
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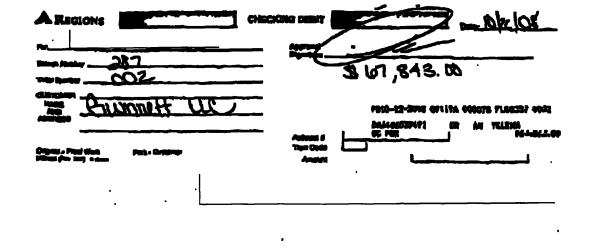
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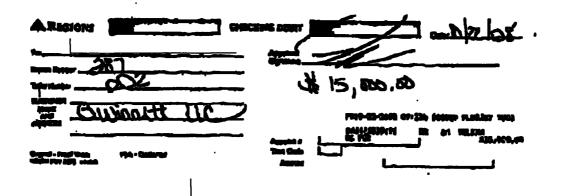
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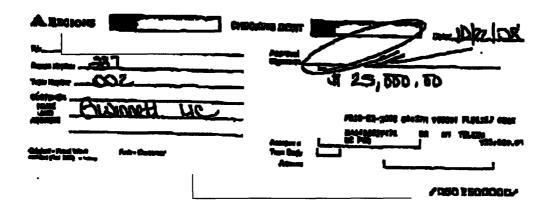
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Dear Vicki:

Following my telephone conversation with your assistant Rits today, enclosed please find a Certificate of Authenticity as well as copies of records you provided to Mr. Keith Northern on October 23, 2008. You may recall that Mr. Northern is managing Director of NachmanHaysBrownstein, Inc. which has been appointed a Receiver in Bank of America. N.A. v. Premier Chrysler, Jeep. Dodge, LLC. Summit Automotive Group, I.I.C. and Gwinnest, LLC. Superior Court of Gwinnest County, Civil Action File No. 08A65973-1. I believe Mr. Northern provided you with a copy of the Order Appointing Receiver, Granting Injunctive Relief, and Authorising and Directing Payments into the Registry of the Court signed by Judge Ray see October 23, 2008.

As I explained to Rita, we have a hearing on November 5, 2008. In order to minimize any inconvenience to yeu, in lieu of issuing you a subpoena to tastify, we have prepared the enclosed Certificate of Authenticity to be executed by the appropriate record custodian authenticating the enclosed documents.

I will be out of the office beginning remorrow until November 10, 2008. In my absence, please contact Jennipher Borey in my office at 464-962-6131 should you have any questions. We would appreciate it if you or the designated custodism of seconds would sign the enclosed Caraffents in the presence of a notary public, fax us a return copy at 404-962-6312, and overnight courier the original. We sincerely appreciate your prompt assistance in this matter.

Sincerely

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FINDING SAM KAZRAN AND PEREMONITS IN CONTEMPT

Plaintiff Bank of America, N.A. Lthe "Bank") filed its Plaintiffes motion and Supporting Memorandum for Enforcement of Order, for Contempt, and for Sanctions on October 24, 2008 (" Motion for Contempt"), The motion for Contempt came before the Court for a hearing on November 5, 2008, following proper notice to the parties.

The Court reviewed the pleadings and hand and considered the evidence and arguments of course , and for good cause shows, it is hereby, found, held and ORDERED, as follows:

The Motion is granted as set forth in this order.

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3. Based on the testimony given an October
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2008, Sam Kazran controlled the
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Kazran Knowingly violated the Order
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4. Sam kerran and the Defendants may purge themselves of contempt by remitting \$137,843.00 in good funds, immediately available, to eitherlithe Sheriff of Gwimett County, or (ii) counsel for the Bank. Any payments remitted to the Sheriff of Gwinnett County shall be turned over to counsel for the Bank upon request, and delivered to the Receiver.

5. Until such time as Sen kerrar and the Defendants purge themselves of contempt, or until further obsert this Court, Sam korran shall be incorrected.

50 ORDERED, this 5th day of november, 2008.

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PREMIER CHRYSLER, JEEP, DODGE, LLC, SUMMIT AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, LLC, AND GWENETT, LLC,

DEFENDANTS.

SUPPLEMENT TO RECEIVER'S MOTION TO HOLD DEFENDANTS IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND FOR SANCTIONS

NHB Advisors, Inc. f/k/a NachmanHaysBrownstein, Inc. (the "Rensiver"), the Courtappointed receiver over Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC ("Premier"), Gwinnett, LLC
("Gwinnett"), and Summit Automotive Group, LLC ("Summit" and collectively with Premier
and Gwinnett, the "Defendants"), hereby files this supplement to its Motion to Hold Premier
Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, in Contempt of Court and For Sanctions, filed on November 10,
2009, and its Motion to Hold Summit Automotive Group, LLC, in Contempt of Court and for
Sanctions, filed on November 10, 2009 (collectively, the "Sanctions Motions"), as follows.

INTRODUCTION

During the course of fulfilling its duties under the Appointment Orders¹ and in furtherance of the Court's direction to conclude the receivership,² Receiver has identified several suspect transactions and/or missing assets that total in excess of \$2,100,000.00. Unexplained

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¹ The Court appointed the Receiver in Orders dated October 23, 2008 and on May 22, 2009 (Receiver was reappointed over Premier after Premier dismissed its chapter 11 bankruptcy case in May 2009) (collectively, the "Appointment Orders"). All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Sanctions Motions.

² Dusing the last hearing, on October 5, 2009, the Caurt expressed its desire for Receiver to take steps to wrap up its investigation and file final reports.

and troubling aspects of these transactions, several of which are the subject of the Sanctions Motions, prohibit Receiver from filing its final reports without additional direction from the Court. As set forth in more detail in the summary attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A, these transactions involve purported loans to entities owned or controlled, either partially or entirely, by Premier's and Summit's principal, Sam Kazran, that upon deposition and further inquiry cannot and/or have not been fully documented or explained; missing vehicles including cartain high-value smeth vehicles; and sumies being transacted through bank accumuse held and carned by the Summit's principals to affiliated entities. Most of these unexplained transactions and unaccounted for assets are detailed in the Sanctions Motions filed by the Receiver in November 2009 and then supplemented in January 2010.

Included in the amount set forth in Exhibit A is more than \$1,400,000.00 that Receiver discovered since the filing of the Sanctions Motions (through subpoena and deposition) that was owed to Premier by Chrysler, LLC, but paid to an affiliated entity and not paid over to Receiver as required by the Appointment Orders. Receiver has learned that these funds were sales-volume incentives owed to Premier, arising from Premier's former operations and, thus, are subject to Bank of America, N.A.'s security interest and the injunctive provisions of the Receivership Order. Rather than turn these funds over to Receiver, however, Premier purposefully diverted these funds to an account in the name of another entity owned by Mr. Kazran to prevent the funds from being visible to and marshaled by Receiver. This is yet another flagrant violation of the Appointment Orders by Premier, and a diversion of substantial assets that belong to Bank of America as part of their collateral package.

Receiver hereby further supplements its Motion to Hold Premier in Contempt of Court and to report this diversion of funds to the Court. Receiver requests that Premier be held in contempt of Court and ordered to return the funds to Receiver.

BACKGROUND

A. <u>Procedural History</u>

Receiver filed the Sanations Motions for the failure of Premier and Summit to comply with the Appointment Oxfors and a Consent Oxfor entered October 5, 2009 ("Consent Oxfor"). As set forth in the Sanctions Motions, Fremier violated the Appointment Orders and the Consent Order by refusing to account for certain transactions and numerous vehicles despite repeated assurances made by Mr. Kazran during his deposition and subsequent discussions that he would do so. Summit is in violation of the October 23 Appointment Order by transacting substantial monies (more the \$500,000) through a Summit bank account without notifying Receiver and then diverting the funds to the accounts of another entity operated by Mr. Kazran prior to the reappointment of Receiver, so that the funds would not be visible to and could not be marshaled by Receiver.

The Court scheduled the Sanctions Infotions for hearing on December 11, 2009.

Henvever, the Court continued the hearing at the request of Defendants' counsel.

Thereafter, Receiver gathered through various discovery methods, as directed by the Court, more details regarding Summit's and Premier's violations of the Appointment Orders and Consent Order. On January 7, 2010, and January 22, 2010, Receiver filed supplements to its Sanctions Motions, wherein Receiver informed the Court of its recent discoveries, namely that Summit had transacted more monies through the bank account than originally thought, and that Premier had refused to turn over additional collateral — certain computers and their

accompanying hard drives, which were previously viewed by the Receiver, Premier and their counsel at the dealership but turned up missing the next day when Receiver attempted to marshal these assets.

The Court reset the hearing on the Sanctions Motions for hearing on February 3, 2010.

At the request of Defendants' counsel, however, the Court granted a second continuance and reset the hearing for March 5, 2010.

Once again, at the 11th hour, on March 3, 2010, Defendants' counsel sought a third continuance of the hearing on the Sanctions Motions. The Court granted the request and has not yet reset the hearing.

B. Payments From Chrysler, LLC

Since filing the Sanctions Motions and the supplements, Receiver learned that another entity operated by Mr. Kazran named 10-2008, LLC ("10-2008") received two substantial deposits from Chrysler, LLC ("Chrysler"); on June 2, 2009, Chrysler wired to 10-2008 funds totaling \$827,942.09 and then on September 1, 2009, Chrysler wired to 10-2008 funds totaling \$599,855.24.

Given that Premier and Gwinnett were the only catities affiliated with Mr. Kamen that sold Chrysler vehicles, Receiver logically suspected that the funds might have been owed to Premier. Accordingly, Receiver requested from Chrysler's counsel any documents in Chrysler's possession explaining the payments to 10-2008.

On March 30, 2010, Chrysler's attorney produced documents revealing that the payments were sales incentive rebates owed to Premier. (Attached hereto as Exhibit B are true and correct copies of the documents produced by Chrysler showing the payments by Chrysler that were owed to Premier ("Chrysler Documents").) More stunningly, however, is a copy of a facsimile

sent to Chrysler by Stephanie Champ, an employee of Premier, on May 18, 2009, which was after Premier was served with Bank of America's motion to reappoint Receiver and just days before the hearing. (Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a copy of the May 18 facsimile.) The facsimile identifies Premier as the relevant dealer entity, but requests that the funds be deposited into 10-2008's bank account. Tellingly, Ms. Champ asks "how long does it typically take to process the change in financial institution," passumably understanding that Receiver was likely to be reappointed in a matter of thays:

It is clear that these fames were diverted to 10-2008 to avoid being both visible to and marshaled by Receiver. This is yet another action by Premier diverting monies to avoid them being marshaled by Receiver.

D. Other Sanctionable Violations

The foregoing flagrant violation of the Appointment Order is in addition to the other violations by Premier and Summit that are set forth in the Sanctions Motions (and the supplements). These violations including the following:

- Premier has been unable to explain or document (in either deposition or follow up documentation) a payment of \$175,000.00 from Premier to U.S.
 Outfitters (an entity partially owned by Mr. Kazran), in the days just prior to Receiver's reappointment;
- 2. Summit has failed to return \$550,000.00 that belonged to Summit by virtue of bring held in Summit's bank account, which was later diverted to entities owned by Mr. Sam Kazran and, in part, paid to Mr. Sam Kazran himself:
- 3. Premier has failed to account for 20+ missing vehicles, including exotic vehicles and vehicles that were traded-ins as part of a sale and that are admittedly Eank of America's collateral.

³ See Deposition of Sam Kazran, August 11, 2009, at 22:9-10 (identifying Stephanie Champ as the "assistant office manager").

ARGUMENT AND CITATION TO AUTHORITY

As set forth in the Sanctions Motions, this Court is vested with certain powers to compel and require obedience with its orders. These powers are outlined, in part, in O.C.G.A. §§ 15-1-3, 15-6-8, and vest the Court with the ability to "[t]o compel obedience to its judgments . . . [and] orders" and to "control in the furtherance of justice . . . all other persons connected with a judicial proceeding before it, in every matter appearationing thereto." O.C.G.A. § 15-1-3. See also West v. Field, 181 Can 152, 156 (1935) (holding that all cannot have the inherent power to punish for contempt); Griggers v. Bryant, 239 Ga. 244, 246 (1977) ("The proper administration of justice demands that courts have the power to enforce their orders and decrees by contempt proceedings. Disobedience to the lawful order of a court is an obstruction of justice, and for such a violation the court, in order to compel respect or compliance, may punish for contempt."). The basis of a contempt action is a willful disregard or disobedience of an order or command of the court. Lee v. Environmental Pest & Termite, Inc., 243 Ga. App. 263, 264 (2000).

Premier and Summit have willfully violated the Appointment Orders and the Consent Order. Premier and Summit have directed monies away from the Receivership Estate, in patent violation of the injurative provisions of the Appointment Orders.

In addition to the violations and forth in the Sauntions Motions, the Chrysler Domanenta demanistrate that finds totaling in excess of \$1,400,000.00 were due and owing to Premier. As such, these funds constitute Bank of America's collateral and, moreover, Premier and its principals were restrained by the Appointment Orders from misdirecting these funds. In blatant disregard for the Court's orders, however, Premier diverted these funds, thereby depriving Bank of America of its collateral and precluding Receiver from fully and appropriately administering

the Receivership Estate, and further prohibiting Receiver from complying with the Court's request to wind up its efforts and file its final report in December of 2009.

The Court should hold Premier and Summit in contempt of this Court for their flagrant violations of the Appointment Orders and Consent Order. Premier and Summit have diverted/converted more than \$2,100,000 of Bank of America's collateral proceeds and refused to account for numerous missing vehicles. Premier's and Summit's principals have repeatedly ignored the requirements and authority of this Court while it has diverted Bank of America's collateral. Therefore, these entities and their principals need to be subject to the strictest of remedies.

Receiver respectfully requests that Premier and Summit be ordered to effectuate the return of all diverted collateral and proceeds thereof to the Receiver. This includes all of the monies set forth in Exhibit A and the missing trade-in and other vehicles as more specifically described in the Consent Order.

This the 15th day of April, 2010.

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EXHIBIT A

<u>UNACCOUNTED FUNDS RELATING TO DEFENDANTS</u>

Deposits from Chrysler, LLC*: \$827,942.09

\$599,855,24

Funds flowing through Summit's bank account: \$550,000.00

Unexplained transaction to US Qutfitters, LLC: \$175,000.00

Missing vehicles **: SUNKNOWN

Total: ><u>\$2,152,797.33</u>

^{*}Premier Chrysler and Gwinnett, LLC are believed to be the only dealerships related to Mr. Kazran that sold Chrysler vehicles

^{**} Missing vehicles include Lamborghiais, Maserattis, Mercecles Benzes, a Hummer, and a suspect purported sale of a Rolls Royce

EXHIBIT B

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PLAINTIFF, CIVIL ACTION FILE

V.

No. 08A08973-1

Premier Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, LLC, Summit Automotive Group, LLC, and Gwinnett, LLC,

DEFENDANTS.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Garrett A. Nail, certify that I am over the age of 18 and that, on April 15, 200. I served a copy of the foregoing on the following persons or entities at the addresses and by the methods stated below:

Via U.S. Mail: Robert Kiser, Esq. Kiser & Green 3915 Harrison Road, Suite 500 Loganville, GA 30052	Via U.S. Mail: William A. DuPré IV Paul M. Alexander Christopher M. Walsh Miller & Martin 1170 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 800 Atlanta, Georgia 30309
Via U.S. Mail: Thomas T. Tate James C. Joedecke, Jr. Andersen, Tate & Carr, P.C. One Sugarloaf Centre 1960 Satellite Boulevard, Suite 4000 Duluth, GA 30097	Via U.S. Mail: Walter D. Moody, Jr., Esq. 4651 Salisbury Road, Suite 4024 Jacksonville, Florida 32256

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AFFIDAVIT OF IRA SILVER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Ira Silver, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am over the age of twenty-one (21) and have personal knowledge of the matters addressed in this affidavit.
- 2. I am an accountant with the firm of Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP, certified public accountants and consultants to Vernon G. Buchanan ("Buchanan"). In such position I have knowledge of the matters set forth below.
- 3. Over the years, Buchanan has been involved in a number of business relationships and transactions with Sam Khazrwan a/k/a Sam Kazran ("Kazran") and his various business entities, including the Debtor herein, Premier Automotive on Atlantic, LLC ("Premier Atlantic"), and Premier Automotive at the Avenues, LLC ("Premier Avenues").
- 4. Premier Atlantic and Premier Avenues operated two (2) Kia dealerships, both managed by Kazran, managing member of the Debtor. Kazran also operated and is managing member of, among other entities, a Hyundai Dealership (11-2001, LLC), Premier Chrysler Jeep Dodge, LLC and a management company, Infiniquest, LLC.

- 5. During the period of time from January 17, 2008 to July 14, 2008, Buchanan made several loans to Premier Atlantic and Premier Avenues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000, which loans were only to be used by the Kia dealerships for its working capital purposes and to fund the acquisition of the location for Premier Atlantic (the "Loans"). The Loans are more specifically set forth in the Proof of Claim Buchanan previously filed in the above-styled bankruptcy case (Claim No. 16) and exhibits thereto.
- Which Buchanan loaned the \$2,500,000.00 to the Kia dealerships (the "Working Capital Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," the loan proceeds were "to be used solely to provide the working capital needs of each Seller's [Premier Automotive's and Premier Avenues'] respective dealership as required by the manufacturer [Kia Motors]."
- 7. After Buchanan advanced the Loans, however, he discovered that Kazran, in violation of the terms of the Working Capital Agreement, diverted a substantial portion of the Loans to automobile dealerships owned and managed by Kazran other than the two (2) Kia dealerships for which the Loans were intended, as well as Infiniquest, LLC.
- More particularly, on July 30, 2008, I inquired of Gayle Lephardt (who I believe was the Comptbeller for the Debtor and Kazien's other entities) and of Kazien, to verify the Loans and how they were seconded. Ms. Lephardt forwarded the email request to Sazuel R. Odom, the accountant for the Debtor and Kazien's other entities. Mr. Odom replied on August 15, 2008, stating that: "I saw the 1.5 [million dollars] and it was put into Atlantic and moved to the other stores along with the \$500,000 in my previous email." A true and correct copy of the email exchange is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

- 9. On August 14, 2008. Mr. Odom provided to me the "Atlantic Kia Net Investment detail" (the "Detail"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C." As reflected in the Detail, the Debtor received the first \$1,500,000 from Buchanan on January 17, 2008. Shortly thereafter, on January 28, 2008, the Debtor transferred \$350,000 to "Dodge" (Gwinnett, LLC), and \$600,000 to "PDJD" (Premier Chrysler Jeep Dodge, LLC). The Detail also reflects that the Debtor transferred the additional sum \$200,000 to "Hyundai" (11-2001, LLC) on April 1, 2008.
- 10. Mr. Odom also furnished to me a statement of various transfers the Debtor made during the period between January 9, 2008 and July 30, 2008 (the "Statement"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D." According to the Statement furnished by Mr. Odom, the Debtor made transfers to "Hyundai" (11-2001, LLC) totaling \$647,949.09 and "Infiniquest" (Kazran's management company) totaling \$1,500,000.00.
- 11. Upon further inquiry, Kazran told me that he had caused Premier Atlantic to disburse and transfer a substantial portion of the proceeds of the Loans to his other affiliated companies including Gwinnett, LLC, 11-2001, LLC and Infiniquest, LLC. My understanding is that these affiliated companies did not give Premier Atlantic anything of value in return for the proceeds of the Loans that were transferred and disbursed to them.

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INTERIM LOAN AND INTEREST PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Interim Loan Interest Purchase Agreement (this "Agreement") is effective as of the 12 day of Jamesty, 2008, many Premier Automotive on Atlantia, LLC, ("Atlantic") and Premier Autemotive at the Avenues. LLC. ("America"), each a Marida limited limitity company by and through their sole member Sam Karren (also known as Sam Kharrwan - herein, "Karren"), also acting and contracting individually, Vernon Buchenan ("Buchenan"), 1099 Management Co., L.L.C., a Florida limited Hability company (the "Series Class A Buyer") whose sole member is Buchenan, and Auto Central Services, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "Series Class B Buyer"). The Series Class A Buyer and the Series Class B Buyer are individually referred to as a "Buyer" and collectively referred to herein as the "Buyers." Atlantic and Avenues are individually referred to as "Belier" and collectionly refused to at the "Seilers." Athenic, Avenues, Marron, Burisanan, 1899, and the Buyers are adjectively referred to as the "Parties." Capitalised terms not otherwise defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them by the form of Amended and Restated Operating Agreements of Atlantic and Avenues, respectively, each an "Operating Agreement", as the context may require, to be dated effective as of the Ciosing Date (as hereinafter defined). A copy of each Operating Agreement is attached as Exhibit A.

Background

The Buyers have agreed to purchase membership interests in each of Atlantic and Awaness upon receips of this appearal of Bank of America, N.A., the lender to



the Sellers ("Lender Approval") based on the conditions set forth herein. Effective on the Clacing Date (as hereinsther defined), the Series Class A Boyer will purchase a Series Class A Interest in assis Seller repeateraing a 26% Persenting Interest and 25 Unites Effective on the Closing Date, the Series Class B Buyer will purchase a Series Class B Interest in each Seller. The Series Class A Interests and the Series Class B Interests are referred to herein collectively as the "LLC Interests"). Accordingly, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained below, and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties agree as follows:

Terms

1. Interina Loan. Effective on the date hereof, Buchanan agrees to loan \$1,500,000 (the "Loan Principal Amount") and the Biscretionary Loan to Atlantic, Avenues and Karran, as so-bormwers (sine "Bernovers") to be seed solely to provide the working capital needs of each Seller's respective dealership as required by the manufacturer (collectively the "Working Capital Loan"). Buchanan may, in his cale and absolute discretion, loan up to an additional \$1,000,000 to the Borrowers on the same terms and conditions as provided below (the "Discretionary Loan"). Upon no less than one (1) business day written notice to Buchanan, the Working Capital Loan will be funded simultaneous with the closing of the purchase of two dealerships the Sellers are acquiring from Asbury Anto Group. The Working Capital Loan shall beer interest from time to time at the thirty (30) day LIBOR rate plus one hundred fifty (100) basis points until delivery of the Default Notice (as defined below) and thereafter at the maximum rate permitted by law beginning with the tilte of delivery of the Default Notice (as

herein. The Series Class A Buyer, the Series Class B Buyer, and the Sellers recognize and agree that Lander Approval is required before the Buyers can be admitted as mumbers in the respective essentialy. Massen agrees to immediately seek, and ebtain within 45 days of the days of this Agreement, Lander Approval, which can not contain a requirement that any of the Buyers or their owners or affiliates must guarantee any indebtedness of the Sellers, and none of the loans by such leader to a Seller can be cross-defaulted or cross-collateralized with loans to any other dealership (other than the other Seller) in which Kazren has a financial interest, directly or indirectly (a "Stand-Alone Financing"). Following receipt of Lender Approval and notification to the Buyers of such approval, Sellers shall have an additional fifteen (16) days in which to close the Stand-Alone Financing, and upon such relimenting event courring #: shall be treated as the "Closing Date". Ob the same day as the finsing Dabe the Buyers will be decount to have sunshaud their Interests in the Sallers as provided herein. If the Chuing Date has not occurred within 60 days from the date hereof, the Sellers and Kazran shall be in default in their obligation to obtain Lender Approval and to effectuate the Closing Date. Upon the first to occur of the failure to obtain Lender Approval within 45 days or to meet the Closing Date deadline, Sellers and Kazren will then have 48 hours after delivery of written notice (the "Default Notice") from Buchanan in which to retire the Working Capital Loan with interest. If Sellers and Kazran fail to retire the Working Capital Loan within 48 hours after delivery of the Default Notice, then Buchanen shall have the option and right to purchase all of Kasran's Interests in

the Sellers for \$250,000 by delivery to Kasran of notice of that effect and then by payment of the \$350,000 purchase price to Kasran within five (5) business days thereafter. Upon delivery of payments of the purchase price, title to Kasranis Interests shall sutcessifully vest in Buchanan. Following the purchase of Kassan's Interests in the Sellers, the Buyers and 1099 shall use commercially reasonable efforts to remove Kasran from any personal guarantees on any indebtedness owed by the Sellers. If Buchanan does not purchase the Kasran Interests as provided above, he may sue the Sellers and Kasran to collect the Working Capital Loan plus all accrued and unpaid interest thereon. In the event Buchanan sues to collect the Working Capital Loan, he shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and other costs of collection.

- 2. Presham and Sele of the LLC intensits. The Buyers horeby agree to purshase the LLC interests from Atlantic, and Avenues, respectively, on the Closing Date. Karran, in his capacity as Managing Member of each company, agrees that the Buyers will be admitted as Members in each of Atlantic and Avenue effective on the Closing Date (the "Effective Date"). Each of Atlantic and Avenues hereby agree to sell its respective portions of the LLC Interests to the Buyers free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, for the consideration specified in Section 3.
- 3. Purchase Price. The purchase price for both Series Class A Interests will be satisfied by converting \$500,000 of the outstanding Loan Principal Amount . portion of the Working Capital Loan into equity with the Series Class A Buyer paying any remaining balance due, if any, is each. The purchase price for both

Series Class B Interests is \$2,000,000, payable by applying the remaining principal balance of the Working Capital Loan lafter first applying a portion to the purchase of the Series Class A Interpris). The remaining belows of the possitions pulse for the Suries Class B Interests will be paid to preside apply requirements for the subsequent purchase of real property on which the Sellers intend to locate their dealerships. Before the Series Class B Buyer will be obligated to fund any portion of the unpaid purchase price for the Series Class B Interests, however, the Managing Member shall first obtain the consent of the Series Class B Buyer as to the proposed site where the Sellers dealerships are to be located. If the Series Class B Buyer approves the proposed site, then the Managing Member shall provide a copy of the proposed purchase agreement for the property for review and comment by the Chine B Buyer better its executive by a Seller, which review and communit will be these groundly and in good faith. If the pranthese agreement is accepted and financing is obtained, the Series Class B Buyer will provide the equity requirements for the proposed purchase at or before the lass closing, but only to the extent of the unpaid balance of the purchase price for the Series Class B Interests.

The parties hereto agree that, although the Operating Agreement for each company reflects that the capital contribution for a Series Class A Interest is \$250,000 and that the capital contribution for a Series Class B Interest is \$1,000,000, it is the intention that Kazran may change the relative capital contributions allocations between the companies for the applicable Interest purchased (but may not change the overall purchase price allocation for the Series

Class A Interests and the Series Class B Interests) in order to reflect the actual funding requirements. Thus, for example, Kesran may, but is not required to, provide that the suptial centribution for the Series Class II Litterest in Atlantic is \$1,750,999 and the repital contribution for Avenues is \$250,900 (thus, \$2,000,000 in total for both Series Class B Interests), but the Parties further understand and agree that in determining the Preferred Return payable to the Series Class B Buyer pursuant to each Operating Agreements, the Preferred Return provisions of each Operating Agreement shall be integrated and treated as one overall Preferred Return to the Series Class B Buyer. Consequently, if there is a default in payment of the Preferred Return due the Series Class B Buyer by either of Affantic or Avenues, then both Sellers shall be in default of their obligations under their respective Operating Agreement, and the Senies Class B Buyen shall have all of the remadies provided in this Operating Agreements at though they were mustrued as one agreement covaring both dealerships. Massen represents and agrees that he shall guarantee the payment of the Preferred Return and the return of the capital contributions made by the Corporate Member.

4. Delivery of LLC Interests and other Documents.

On the Closing Date, Atlantic and Avenues will deliver evidence of Lender Approval, and the LLC Interests to the Buyers as evidenced by delivery of signed counterparts of each Operating Agreement. Kasran shall deliver an executed Exhibit B.

- 5. Representations and Warranties of Atlantic and Avanues. Each of Atlantic and Avanues, through Kazran, and Kazran (who owns all of the membership literates in Sellens), represent mile warment to the Buyens as of the date hereof which one to be ratified on the Charles Date by deliming of Echibit E hereto as follows:
- a. Each is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the law of the State of Florida and has all requisite power and authority to own, operate and lease its properties and to carry on its business as now being conducted and to enter in this Agreement and to perform it obligations hereunder. The Articles of Organization of each company, a copy of which have been delivered to Buyer, is complete and correct. This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of such of Atlantic and Kazran, respectively, enforcement against it in accordance with its teams, sweept as the same may be limited by banksuptcy, baselvency, acorganization or other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.
- b. Upon consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the only outstanding interests in Atlantic and Avenues will be set forth on Exhibit A to each Operating Agreement and such interests will be duly authorized validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. Except as contemplated by this Agreement, each company will not have any outstanding or authorized subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights, commitments or any other agreements of any character obligating it to issue may interests or any other

securities convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any interests. The LLC interests will constitute (i) a Series Class A interest in the respective company with a Personage Interest of 25% and 25 Units and a Series Class B Interest in the respective Company. Essent agrees that maither Atlantic nor Assesse will increase its Units nor cause the issuance of any Series that would result in the dilution of either Buyer's economic interest or Units without such Buyer's consent,

- c. Neither Atlantic nor Avenue owns, beneficially or of record, any shares of capital stock of, or hold any other equity interest in, any person, corporation or other entity, and except for each Operating Agreement there are no contracts or agreements between either of such Seller's and Kaman or an Affiliate of Kaman's.
- d. Heach fittentia and American lieus duly filed with the appropriate Federal, state, local and other governmental agencies, all tax returns and reports required to be filed that are of a material nature, or would result in a material liability if not filed; such returns and reports are accurate and complete in all material respects; and each limited liability company has paid or will pay in full or made adequate provisions for all taxes, interest, penalties, assessments or deficiencies shown to be due on such tax returns and reports or claimed in writing to be due by any taxing authority or otherwise due and owing. Neither Atlantic nor Avenues is a party to any pending action or proceeding, nor, to the knowledge of Kaszan, is any action or proceeding threatened by any governmental authority for assessment or collection of taxes and no claim for assessment or collection of taxes.

has been asserted sgainst either limited liability company. Each of Atlantic and Avenues has been treated as a disregarded für felleral income tax purposes and upon normanmation of the temperations estimanplated by title Agreement each company will be tracked as a perturbable.

- e. Neither of the Sallers nor Kazran will take any action that will result in a sale of, or cessation of ownership of, the Series Class A Member's Interests in each Seller for five years after the Closing Date.
- 6. Representations and Warranties of the Buyers. The Buyers represent and warrant to each of Atlantic and Avenues on the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as follows:
- a. The Buyer is acquiring the LLC Interests for its own account and not with a way to its distribution or resale.
- b. (i) the Emyer, either directly or through the dest diligence efforts of his agents and representatives which Enyer will asknowledge he has consulted, is knowledgeable as to each of Atlantic's and Avenue's financial affairs, prospects and conditions and has investigated the prospects of each dealership to be owned by such limited liability company and has completed its investigation, (ii) the Buyer and its attorneys, accountants or other representatives have had access to or received all documents that they have requested relating to Buyer's continued investment in each of Atlantic and Avenues, and have been provided answers to all of Buyer's questions concerning such investment and, as a result, Buyer understands the legal, economic and tax aspects of such investment. Sii) Buyer

understands that Atlantic and Avenues are new companies with no operating experience and such its purchasing its assets in connection with this Agreement.

- and Avenues, the Buyer has not relied upon any representations or other information (whather oral or written) furnished to him by any person purporting to represent either company, except those specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- d. The Buyer recognises that an investment in each of Atlantic and Avanues involves a high degree of risk. The Buyer further represents and warrants that:
- (i) its is acquiring the LLC Interests after adequate investigation of the business and prospects of each of Atlantic and Avenues and that it is fully informed of such business and prespects and Buyer is experienced in automobile dealerships and Atlantic's and Assaure's histographics:
- (ii) its is not relying upon the accuracy of any projections or predictions as to the fature productivity, prospects or developments of each of Atlantic and Avenues, and acknowledges that any such projections are based solely upon its judgment in the light of present circumstances and do not constitute warranties by any person, and that neither Atlantic, Avenues, nor any other person has induced Buyer to purchase the LLC Interests;
- (iii) its is familiar with the nature of and risks involved with an investment in securities, and has determined that the acquisition of the LLC

Interests is consistent with its investment or business objectives and income prospects;

- (iv) its is sware that no public trading market for either LLC interest presently exists and might not exist in the fature;
- (v) its has adequate net worth and means of providing for its current needs and contingencies if it sustains a complete loss of it investment in both of Atlantic and Avenues, and it has no need for liquidity in either investment;
- (vi) it has been advised and fully understands that an investment in Atlantic and Avanues are highly speculative and involves a high degree of risk; and
- e. The Suyer is acquiring each LLC interest without being furnished any offering literature or prospectus.
- f. The Buyer further represents that it or its principal has such knowledge and experience in financial matters that it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of an investment in each of Atlantic and Avenues.
 - g. Bach Buyer is organized under Florida law,
- h. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that the offer of and agreement to the sale of each LLC interest have all occurred only in Florida.
- i. Buyer and his representative have reviewed the Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement of each of Atlantic and Avenues.
- 7. Thenselfer Legand. Buyers consent to the following or substantially similar legend on its copy of each Operating Agreement and on May certificate

evidencing its Interest in each company. THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY Have not been registered under the securities act of 1988. As AMENDED TESDERAL AGED, OR THE SECURERIES LAWS OF ANY STATE, AND ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD IN RELIANCE ON EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL ACT AND VARIOUS APPLICABLE STATE LAWS. IN ADDITION. THE TRANSFER OF THE SECURITIES IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE . OPERATING AGREEMENT. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED for sale, pledgrd, hypothecated, sold, assigned. TRANSFERRED EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OPERATING AGREEMENT. FURTHER STIESE MAY NOT BE OFFICED FOE SALE. SECURITES HYPOTHECATED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, OR TRANSFERRED UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF LEGAL COUNSEL ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY, DO NOT REQUIRE THAT THE SECURITIES BE REGISTERED UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT OR ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, OR SUCH TRANSFER IS PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE FEDERAL ACT OR ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

8. <u>Construction Company</u>. The Parties agree that an affiliate of 1099 (a "Construction Affiliate") will be offered the right to construct or reconstruct any

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improvements to Seller's premises for cost plus 10% with such work to be awarded to the Construction Affiliate so long as its written proposal does not exceed 10% of the average st' at least two other competitor's bids from recognized construction compenies that are not affiliated with each other. In addition, in the exect that the Construction Affiliate's proposal is too high, the Construction Affiliate will have the right of first refusal to match any competitor's bid that a Seller or Kasran decides to accept.

9. Miscellaneous.

- a. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective parties, their legal representatives, successors and assigns.
- b. Neither this Agreement nor any terms or provisions of this Agreement may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated orally, or in any manner other than by an instrument in writing signed by the pusty against which the enimonment of the change, waiver, discharge, or termination is sought.
- c. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall be deemed a single instrument, and shall be effective as of the date when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties. To facilitate execution and delivery of this Agreement, the parties hereto may exchange counterparts of the executed signature pages by facsimile transmission or other electronic transfer method, and all such signatures shall be decused originals for all purposes hereunder.

- d. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of Florida.
- e. Each party shall beer its own expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- f. The headings to the various sections of this Agreement are inserted only for the convenience of reference and are not intended, nor shall they be construed, to modify, define, limit or expand the intent of the parties expressed in the Agreement.
- 10. Legal Counsel. Karram and the Buyers acknowledge that each has had the opportunity to have this Agreement reviewed by counsel and Karran and Buyers have participated equally in the final wording of this Agreement, and in the event of any dispute regarding the meaning of any of the terms here, such terms shall not be sensitual against one party or other by virtue of being a drafting pasty. This Agreement shall not be expected score strongly against either party because of such party's participation in drafting and preparation hereof.

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Silver, Ira

Samuel R. Odom [SRO@MSWCPA.com] From:

Friday, August 15, 2008 7:26 AM

To: Silver, im

Subject: FW: Vem Buchanan - Loans

I did not see 1.8 million come through on the bank. I saw 1.5 and it was put into Atlantic and moved to the other stores along with the \$500,000 in my previous ernail. The \$400,000 was used to purchase the land at Premier Atlantic Properties. I have asked Josh to get use a classing statement and accross info from the attarney.

Samuel R. Odom, CPA Masters, Smith & Wisby, P.A. Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultanta 4811 Bush Blvd., 8to. 300 (200) 306-22G2 eat. 105 tail two (904) 308-1615 **to**c ero@nem

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From: g lephart [mailto: Sent: Thu 8/14/2008 4:47 PM

Te: Samuel R. Odom

Subject: Fw: Vern Buchanan - Loans

Gayle Lephart Premier Auto Group office 904-354-1224

--- On Wed, 7/30/08, Silver, Ira <isilver@mbafcpa.com> wrote:

From: Silver, lra <isilver@mbafcpa.com>

Subject: Vern Buchanan - Loans

)" < To: "Gayle Lephardt (n>, "Sam Kazran

"'John Tosch'" < john@bachananautogroup.com>

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 10:29 AM

Gayle, please verily these loans and to which entity were they made, and how were they recorded —

January 17, 6505 - \$ 1,600,000



Feb 19, 2008 - \$ 500,000

July 16, 2008 - \$ 400,000

Thank you. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

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